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FIRST U.S. VESSEL SUNK SINCE NEW WARFARE STARTED

S.S. Lyman M. Law, Carrying Tools, Submarined Off Sardinian Coast

CREW IS LANDED

145 Survivors Reported As Saved From Torpedoed White Star Afric

FOUR DAYS ADRIFT

23 Men Off s.s. Artist At Sea In Open Boat; Seven Die Of Exposure

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, February 14.—The American steamer Lyman M. Law (2,500 tons), carrying tools, has been sunk by a submarine off the coast of Sardinia. The crew have been landed.

London, February 14.—145 survivors have been saved from the White Star s.s. Afric.

The British steamers Lycia (2,715 tons) and Netherlee (4,227 tons), the Greek steamer Aghios Speridon and two small British craft have been sunk, a total of 8,700 tons.

Terrible stories of frightfulness at sea continue to be related. For instance, twenty-three of the survivors of the torpedoed Harrison Line s.s. Artist were in an open boat four days, with the result that seven died of exposure and two are in hospital.

FIRE-FIGHTING IN GREECE

NEW WORK FOR ALLIES

Disastrous Outbreak Occurs At Piraeus Arms Factory; Many Victims

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Athens, February 14.—A big fire at the arms-factory at The Piraeus rapidly extended. Bluejackets from the Allied warships are assisting the Greek firemen to fight it. There have been many victims.

The fire has now been got under control.

CAPTURE 1,200 RUSSIANS AND STORM POSITIONS

Germans Claim Big Victory In Mestecanesci Sector; Rush Yakobeni Heights

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—(By wireless).—A German official communique states: We stormed several Russian positions and repulsed fierce counter-attacks in the Mestecanesci sector, taking twenty-three officers and 1,200 men prisoners. An attack made by the Italians, in the Czerna salient, was unsuccessful.

A Russian official communique reports: The Germans, after a bombardment with chemical shells, penetrated our trenches, southward of Drisviaty Lake, but were driven out. They discharged poison-gas, southward of Vishniev Lake.

On Monday, strong German forces repeatedly attacked on both sides of the Yakobeni to Kimpolung road. Our counter-attack resulted in an obstinate battle, which lasted the whole night long.

We dislodged the Germans who, on Tuesday, resumed the offensive and, after a battle which lasted all day, succeeded in capturing two heights eastward of Yakobeni. We withdrew two-thirds of a mile and consolidated our positions.

V.69 IN THE EMS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, February 14.—The German torpedo-boat V.69 has arrived in the mouth of the Ems, from Ymuiden.

Japan Is Allies' Mouthpiece In Urging China to Break Relations With Germany

Message to London Says Decision Made; Anxious Tong Shao-yi Shall Assist in Framing Policy

(Ostasiatische Lloyd War Service)

Peking, February 15.—The Japanese Charge d'Affaires, on the 12th inst., in the name of the Entente Powers, strongly advised the Chinese Government to sever relations with Germany.

According to the Shuntien Jih-pao, beginning with the 20th inst., a conference will be held until March 1, military and naval officers as well as diplomats and delegates from the Provinces participating in discussing the Chinese policy if relations with Germany should be severed.

According to the Peking Gazette, Wang Chao-ming, one of the prominent leaders of the Kuomintang, who has lately returned from Paris, has left Peking for Shanghai, to ask Tong Shao-yi to come up to Peking, to participate at the political conference.

According to the Peking Post, it is reported in Chinese circles that the Tuchun of Hunan has protested against a diplomatic rupture with Germany.

Shanghai Wire to London Says Rupture Decided On

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, Feb. 13.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post cables that the papers state that the Chinese Government has decided to break off relations with Germany.

Peking, February 15.—After the re-establishment of the Republic, last year, the Government proposed to convene a General Administrative Conference, which was to be attended by representatives from the provinces, in order to discuss military, financial, diplomatic, industrial and other affairs, but, owing to differences and the conflict between various parties, the matter was dropped. Now, however, owing to the diplomatic crisis, the Government is again considering calling such a conference.

Fearing that attempts will be made by the crews of interned German ships to damage or destroy their vessels, the Government has instructed the naval authorities to keep a careful watch on them.

Satisfaction in Paris

Paris, February 13.—Le Matin praises the remarkable firmness of China's Note to Germany.

La Liberte writes: "The Chinese are the shrewdest of all diplomatists. Having for a long time believed in the success of William II, they now know the truth.

Le Figaro observes that the Chinese Government is exceedingly well-informed concerning events and the financial and military possibilities of the Great Powers. The precarious state in which the Germanic coalition is writhing is perhaps better known in Peking than in any other Capital and China is aware that this coalition will be unable to assist its allies seriously for many years after the war.

Le Figaro concludes: "Although the Chinese people have changed the form of their institutions, their dress and their hats, nevertheless, they remain the only race which know how to introduce philosophy in politics and history."

America Sends Note On Yarrowdale Case

Washington Cable Says Belief There Is It Demands Release of Prisoners

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, February 13.—A Note has been sent to Germany, through the Swiss Minister, on the subject of the Yarrowdale prisoners. It is believed that it demands their release.

Scandinavia Charges Submarines Breaking International Laws

Will Claim for Resultant Loss Of Life Or Damage, Says Joint Protest

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Copenhagen, February 14.—A joint protest by Sweden, Denmark and Norway to Germany against submarine warfare points out that it is contrary to international law, especially as, apparently, it applies even to ships voyaging between neutral ports and the protest makes all reservations regarding loss of life or damage resulting from it.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata M. Feb. 16
Per R.V.F. s.s. Penza.... Feb. 16
Per R.M.S. Emp. of Asia Feb. 17
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Hakuai M. Feb. 19
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M. Feb. 22

For U.S., Canada, and Europe:—
Per T.K.K. s.s. Korea M. Feb. 16
Per R.M.S. Emp. of Asia Feb. 17
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Y'hama M. Feb. 18
Per T.K.K. s.s. Siberia M. Mar. 1
Per P.M. s.s. Venezuela.. Mar. 4

For Europe:—
Per M.M. s.s. Cordillere Feb. 23
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Hitachi M. Feb. 25
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Iyo Maru Mar. 4

Mails to Arrive:—
The American mail is due here on or about February 17, per N.Y.K. s.s. Tamba Maru.

Shift German Troops From Dutch Frontier

Concentration Ceases and Majority of Men Assembled Are Moved Southwards

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, February 14.—The Handelsblad states that the movements of German troops on the eastern frontier of Holland have ceased and the great proportion of them have disappeared southwards.

ABYSSINIA'S DEPOSED RULER AGAIN ROUTED

He Flees and Is Still At Liberty; New Empress Is Formally Crowned

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Addis Abeba, February 14.—6,000 Government troops recently routed 7,000 of the followers of the deposed Emperor, Lidj Yassmu, who, as usual, fled the night before the battle and is still at large. The Empress of Abyssinia was crowned on the 11th.

Ministry Controls British Coal Mines

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—The Press Bureau announces that the Board of Trade assumes possession of all coal-mines in the United Kingdom for the duration of the war. Mr. Guy Calthrop, manager of the London and North-Western Railway, will be entrusted with the new department, as Controller of Coal Mines and an advisory committee, representing employers and employees, will assist him.

The Weather

Very cloudy and still gloomy weather, with threats of rain and fog. The maximum temperature recorded yesterday was 56.7 and the minimum 42.4, the figures for the corresponding day last year being respectively 52.5 and 28.2.

Servians Make German Prisoners Dig Drainage Ditches

These German prisoners in Servia are resting a few minutes from their task of digging drainage ditches for their captors. All the available Servian men are in the army and most of the manual labor is done by prisoners of war and the women.

BRITAIN COMPLETES 365 BIG GUNS IN ONE WEEK

76 of Medium Caliber, As Well; Compares With 22 and 7½ In Previous Year

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—Speaking at Bedford, yesterday, Dr. Christopher Addison, Minister of Munitions, stated that Britain was beating the Boche output in heavy guns. Three hundred and sixty-five were produced in Great Britain during the last week in January, as compared with an average of twenty-two a week during the year ending June last, while seventy-six guns of medium caliber were produced, as compared with 7[illegible].

GERMANS GAIN BRIEF MACEDONIAN SUCCESS

Secure Footing on Hill 1,050, At Paralovo; Italians Win Most of Line Back

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, February 14.—An official despatch from Macedonia reports: Following a very violent bombardment, on the 12th, important German forces attacked Hill 1,050, east of Paralovo and gained a foothold at different points in the first-line trenches, after a very bitter struggle.

The greater part of the ground lost was re-captured in a vigorous counter-attack made that night by the Italians, who resumed their offensive on the following day.

A British air-squadron blew up an ammunition depot, north of Demir-Hissar.

Pre-Lenten Carnival Season Celebrations

The Pre-Lenten Carnival season this year falls on February 17, 18 and 19 and as usual, the Portuguese community will take the lead in the customary festivities. Beside a masquerade ball to be given at the Lusitano Club, which promises to be largely attended, a big group of masqueraders will hold a lantern procession on Sunday evening, starting from Quinsan Road, and marching to No. 149 North Szechuen Road Extension, where the revellers will be treated with refreshments, and ample provision made for dancers.

A party has also been arranged for Monday night at the Club Social, No. 21 North Szechuen Road, by the members of the "Tuna Portugueza" a musical club, when a dance concert is to be given.

BRITISH AIR RAIDS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—The Admiralty announces: Our aeroplanes dropped a number of heavy bombs on the shipping in Bruges Harbor, on Thursday. Large fires were observed. A hostile aeroplane was brought down.

Naval air-craft, on Saturday, made a successful bomb attack in the Eastern Mediterranean, considerably damaging the permanent-way southwards of Yenikuei Bridge.

Ante-Date Submarine Campaign to Harass Transport of Troops

Part of German Defence Plans For Spring Operations; Latter Open Next Week

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

New York, February 14.—The Berlin correspondent of the Associated Press of America telegraphs from Copenhagen that railway traffic in Germany has been greatly restricted, owing to troop movements preliminary to the Spring campaign, which the German leaders evidently expect to open in about a week.

German military authorities declare that unrestricted submarine warfare was ante-dated, with a view to interfering with the transport of British troops across the Channel and to upset the plans of the Entente.

NEUTRALS ARE OFFERED PREMIUMS BY BRITAIN

Willing to Pay Higher Freight Rates, Special Insurance Or Purchase Ships

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 13.—In the House of Lords, today, Earl Curzon, referring to the measures taken to safeguard neutral shipping, stated that "we have signified our willingness to pay increased freights, to provide special insurance, to offer premiums to the crews and even to purchase ships. Arrangements have also been made to build new ships in America and Japan.

"We are converting passenger into cargo ships and the sanction granted to vessels to carry deck-loads has added half-a-million tons to their carrying capacity."

Earl Curzon foreshadowed further restriction of imports, including total prohibition of the import of non-essential articles. This would raise complex questions with the Dominions and their allies and strain industries, but a smaller need must be created.

Dutch Seeking Safety Thro' Panama Canal

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Amsterdam, February 13.—The newspaper Handelsblad says that the question of communication between Holland and the Dutch East Indies, via the Panama Canal, is being discussed. It is proposed that certain Dutch steamers shall run between Holland and New York and others between New York and Java.

Dr. Sun to Explain Tls. 2,000,000 Claim

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, February 15.—It is stated that, in response to the President's persistent requests, Dr. Sun Yat-sen has promised to come up to Peking shortly. One of the questions the Central Government wishes to settle is Dr. Sun's demand for the repayment of sums amounting to over Tls. 2,000,000, which Dr. Sun claims to have spent in organising and carrying out the revolution.

WEST FRONT DECISIVE, SAYS SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

Has No Doubt of Breaking Germans and Thinks Peace Possible This Year

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, February 14.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, interviewed, stated that the western front was the decisive front. He had no doubt that the Allies would break the German west front.

The war would be decided on the battle-field and peace might be declared in 1917, but, if Germany could not be entirely beaten this year, the Allies would not hesitate to carry on the war. There could be no lasting peace without complete victory and the British troops are indomitably resolved to fight to the end.

Sir Douglas Haig continued: "What we have done is enormous, but there is still much to do. Already we have reached the munitions output we wanted. We now want more guns and railways. We cannot have too many guns, owing to the continuous wastage."

Regarding railways, Sir Douglas Haig stated that the disproportion between the tonnage landed at the bases and the tonnage the railways were capable of carrying hampered operations. "The directors of the English railways investigated our requirements and have given us more than we asked. Indeed, they even stripped their own railways of ballast, of which we were in want.

"We are also supplying material of all sorts to the Allies, especially Russia, Italy and Rumania. We cannot escape this obligation, owing to the necessity for maintaining a united, solid front.

"Don't forget the western front is and will remain the principal front and the one on which, I am convinced, the decision of the war will take place. Hence, our policy of making the western front, defensively and offensively, the best."

Reuter's correspondent asked whether the decision would be secured by the breaking down of the German front. Sir Douglas Haig replied: "That's how I imagine the decision will take place. Trench warfare must give way to a war of movement, which alone will procure the advantages we count upon."

He emphasised that an incomplete or halting peace would leave Germany able to take a terrible revenge in the near future. After having attacked Britain, she would be again on the French frontiers, greedier than ever for blood and conquest. "Let us beware of the suspicious maneuvers of the enemy, who, feeling himself lost, talks of peace and seeks to divide us."

CALL 1897-98 RUSSIANS TO SERVE WITH ARMY

Will Give Tsar Million More Fighting Effectives Within Next Few Months

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, February 13.—The classes 1897-98 have been called to the colors. This will provide a million more effectives in the next few months.

$369,000,000 VOTE FOR NAVY PASSES REPRESENTATIVES

Authorises Commandeering Of Arsenals, Shipyards And Aircraft Patents

TO FACE WORST

Berlin Officially Denies 'Unfounded Idea' of Weakening in Policy

ALL GRACE ENDED

'Henceforth No More Warnings Will Be Given Individual Ships'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Washington, February 13.—The House of Representatives has passed the Naval Bill, appropriating G.$369,000,000, which includes emergency amendments for commandeering munitions-works and shipyards and acquiring the patents of air-craft.

Officials regard the alleged German offer to discuss means to prevent war between Germany and the United States as an effort to cast on the United States the appearance of being belligerent.

'Nebulous Overtures'

The New York Herald learns that the German overtures are so nebulous that they have not the slightest chance of success.

The New York Times regards the idea as the outcome of the active peace propaganda engendered in the United States and exposes the German methods in these matters.

A telegram from New York states that it was the Koelnische Zeitung message, mentioned on the 6th and 12th, which led to the German offer to negotiate. It is stated that Secretary of the Navy Daniels consented to this message being wirelessed and President Wilson's attitude towards Mr. Josephus Daniels is awaited with great interest.

There is much resentment felt at Mr. Bryan's pretension to speak to Germany on behalf of the nation.

No Restrictions, Says Berlin

Amsterdam, February 14.—An official communique issued in Berlin states: "There is an unfounded idea abroad that our submarine warfare will be weakened out of regard for America, or for other reasons. Our unrestricted war against all sea traffic in the barred zones is now in full swing and will not be restricted under any circumstances."

The communique states that the secret period of grace for neutral steamers and enemy passenger-ships on which neutrals might be travelling expired on the 6th for the North Sea, the 10th for the Mediterranean and the 12th for the Atlantic and English Channel and, henceforth, there will be no more warnings given to individual vessels.

The communique denies that any neutral vessels, up to the present, have been sunk without warning.

Britons Responding To National Service

11,000 Volunteer on One Day; New Colonial Scheme To Solve Problem

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—The response to Colonel Neville Chamberlain's appeal for recruits for national service is regarded as very gratifying. There were 11,000 offers on Monday alone.

In the House of Commons, today, Mr. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, announced that he was consulting the authorities at Malta, Gibraltar and Cyprus, with regard to the suggestion that men there should be enrolled in labor corps, under the Military Service Act, for service in France in order to enable the British labor corps in France to be used at home, in view of the shortage of labor in Great Britain.

'Passers-By'

By Domino

Playgoer: Well done, Schlee! An excellent show from start to finish. Not a dull moment anywhere and not a weak spot.

Schlee: Thank you. It is the result of some real hard work. I have a fine caste and they have one and all worked well. I believe in work.

Playgoer: Well, Schlee, the results have fully repaid you. I have seldom, if ever, seen an amateur performance to compare with tonight's.

The above conversation is not an imaginary one. "Playgoer" is a gentleman who has graced the stage many a time and he just voiced the opinion of every other playgoer in a big house.

In the first place, Haddon Chambers gave a well written comedy in "Passers-By." The story is full of interest. It doesn't at any point excite the hearer to heights of emotion, but it just gently entertains, amuses and thoroughly pleases.

To pick out anyone for individual mention—as the reporter says—would be difficult and yet I am going to pay my tribute to every one of the players.

To Mr. Henry Schlee first place must be given. I dodged on and off the stage during the show and, just as "Playgoer" voiced the opinion of the audience, so do I voice the opinion of the caste when I say that the entire success of "Passers-By" is due to Mr. Henry Schlee. He likes a good play. In "Passers-By" he found one and then he looked about to gather an adequate band of workers—and he did make them work, but it paid.

On top of all this, he played the lead and played it to perfection. He had a straight part and just walked through it. There are different ways of walking and Schlee knows how to walk and that is all one can say.

Next comes Mrs. Welch. In the part of "Margaret," she scored one of the biggest successes that it falls to an amateur to achieve. The keynote of the part was "sympathy." She looked, spoke and was "sympathetic." She felt the part—in fact she was the part. There were many moist eyes, even among the hardest-hearted, when she upselling portrayed the pathetic scenes.

Mrs. Isaman took the part of a young lady who likes "Society." She understood to a nicety what was required and rendered it accordingly. In fact, she got a big chance, she took it and the big round of applause that she received at the exit showed plainly the audience's appreciation.

Mrs. Schlee had a difficult portrayal, but she is such an accomplished actress that she fitted the character in every detail.

"Little Peter," played beautifully by Master Aiers, won all hearts.

I have seen John Hays in many parts—he is always good. Last night, in the character of "the tramp"—Burns—he simply revelled. He liked the part.

He turned up to the first rehearsal, word perfect. He improved every time he played and then came the first performance. He was great—yes; he was really great. I've often seen people like "Burns." In future I'll like them more, thanks to John Hays.

Nighty, in "Passers-By," is a cabman. Mr. Burrett took the part. I say it in respect, but, with a little grease-paint: "Doesn't he look it?" The audience laughed every time 'Nighty' opened his mouth and very often when he just stood still and smiled his cheery smile. It was a fine portrayal.

Pine, the manservant, was played by Mr. Graham Barrow.

The orchestra—and it was Papini's well-known little band—under the direction of Mr. M. D. Silas, provided the incidental music and, judging from the rounds of applause, won the appreciation of everyone. It was noticed that "Love's Message," that was so delightfully rendered and so well received, was the composition of the conductor, Mr. Silas.

The setting was excellent. There was only one scene and Mr. Peyton Griffin was responsible for it. His name stands as a hall mark in scenery effects.

Mr. S. J. A. March also calls for mention. The lighting in the comedy has a big part to play. Last night it was most effective and for that thanks to Mr. March.

The next performance is on Saturday. The house is full. Monday is the third performance.

U.S.N. Enlisted Men Give Entertainment

The 5th Enlisted Men's Social Evening and Smoker will be staged by the enlisted men of the U.S.S. Asiatic Fleet in the Navy Y.M.C.A., 16 Broadway, tonight at 8 o'clock.

Following the usual custom of inviting special guests to enjoy their evening's fun with them, the American Company of the S.V.C. are herewith cordially invited. Special reserved seats will be held for them and a fine time is assured.

The program in detail is as follows:—

Piano prelude—Ruby. City.
Baritone solo—Webber, Wilmington.
Monologue—Joe Ayers, Cincinnati.
Jiu Jitsu—Japanese Club, City.
Electric Clubs—McCloy, City.
Georgia Comedy Co.—Satterlee, Long, Brice, Kunz, Wilmington.
Chinese Boxing—Chinese Athl. Assn., City.
Wrestling Bout—Butcher, Wilmington and Van House, Cincinnati.
Black Face Comedy—Keiffer, Wilmington and Weddell, Cincinnati.
Baritone Solo—Webber, Wilmington.
Boxing Bout—Weiss and Word, Cincinnati.
"Si the Rube"—Lunburg, Cincinnati.
Boxing Bout—Sid Doyle, Cincinnati and Mott, Quiros.
Battle Royal—5 men from the Wilmington.

403 New Steel Ships Building in America

Washington, January 19.—The largest tonnage of steel merchant vessels in the history of American shipbuilding was under construction, or contracted for, in private shipyards on January 1. The Department of Commerce announced tonight that in all there are 403 vessels, aggregating 1,495,801 gross tons. They include a number for foreign account. During December American yards finished nine steel merchant vessels, aggregating 24,363 gross tons, and made contracts for 29 vessels of 105,120 gross tons.

SALT GABELLE SURPLUS

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, February 15.—$4,500,000 of the surplus of the Salt Gabelle has been released.

TEN-CASH PIECES

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Chengtu, February 15.—The Provincial Government intend to collect small cash and use the metal to mint ten-cash pieces. It is calculated that this will produce a huge profit.

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Received for the Belgian Wounded Soldiers:
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+Tls. 25.00=Tls. 32.19
at 5.10=Frs. 164.20

Received for the Belgian Soldiers from Mr. D. Dumont $10.00
Ditto Ditto 10.00
$20.00

$20.00=Frs. 73.35

These two amounts have also been transferred to His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

D. Siffert.

Dance Music Today

The following program of Dance Music will be played by the Band in the Town Hall this afternoon beginning at 5.30 o'clock:

1.—One Step "That Loving Rag" Adler
2.—Waltz "The Druid's Prayer" Dessoa
3.—Waltz "Kara" Pizzi
4.—One Step "You made me love you" Manzer
5.—Waltz "Passing of autome[illegible]
6.—One Step "Get Under" [illegible]

A. [illegible]
Conductor in charge.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—The Times says that it is understood that Lord Balfour's committee on trade policy after the war unanimously recommends Imperial preference as the foundation of Britain's future world economic policy.

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CURE FOR ASTHMA

American Cabaret Show at Astor House

Shanghai is in for a bright, lively and unique entertainment. This is to be provided by a charming pair of twins, Misses Aileen and Doris Woods (not for a moment forgetting Mother, Mrs. Harry Woods, at the piano) in what they describe as a Society Entertainment built on the lines of the American Cabaret show. This little combination, though British, has put in three years in New York, and Shanghai will have its first opportunity tomorrow night in the ball room at the Astor House to observe the result of the visit to gay Gotham.

On account of the A.D.C. performance of "Passers By" at the Lyceum, the entertainment at the Astor House will not start until 11.30 and it will run until about one o'clock. The regular Saturday night dance will be the order of the evening both before and after the show. An idea of the program may be gleaned from the following, taken from The Englishman of Calcutta:

"In America the Misses Woods made a reputation sufficiently great to precede them in the Straits and India. In Calcutta a good deal had been heard of their private performance at the 'Saturday Club,' but it was not until Tuesday night that the public had a chance of judging the merits of them, and it is rather superfluous to say that the public enthusiastically approved. For over two hours these two clever artistes sang and danced incessantly . . . Lively and thorough throughout the gay and lengthy program the Misses Woods could not have helped but feel that they had scored an instantaneous and genuine success. The entertainment is a welcome change and as long as the public can have a novel and refined 'free and easy' two such artistes are bound to be popular wherever they appear . . . The twin sisters are certainly experts in the art of refined entertaining and they are very ably assisted by Mrs. Harry Woods, a most skilled accompanist."

CUSTOMS REFORM

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, February 15.—The Ministry of Finance recently instituted reforms in the Native Customs. In order to increase revenue and make the system more uniform, instructions were issued to enforce a rate of 2½ per cent.

Considerable opposition, however, has arisen in various districts, owing to the new rate being levied on articles on which the former rate was below 2½ per cent, whereas articles on which the former rate was above that figure are still charged the old rate, which merchants point out is unfair.

Meanwhile, demands for money from the provinces continue. The latest comes from the Tuchun of Kweichow, who asks for money for military expenditure. It is understood that the Central Government has decided to instruct the Minister of Finance to appropriate $200,000 in cash and $300,000 in bonds, subject to the approval of the President.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

will occupy their new office at 1-B Nanking Road (Palace Hotel Building) on and after Saturday, February 17th.

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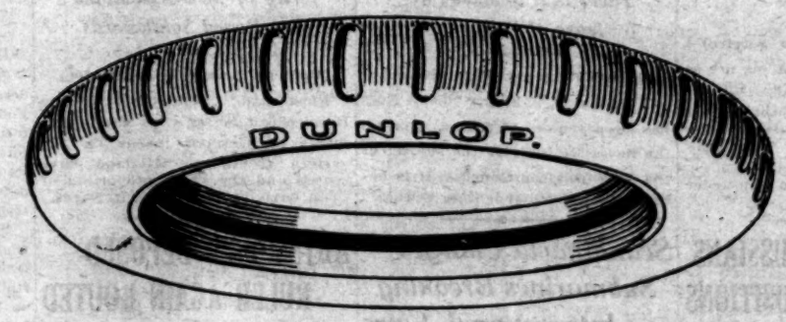

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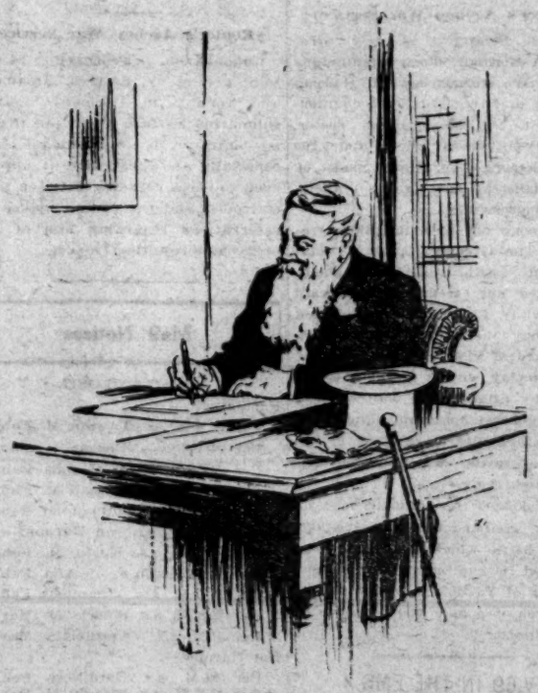

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Chinese Empire and Republic

L. L. C.—China is a republic. The sequence of events in its government, for which you ask, is as follows:

The "edicts of abdication" were issued February 12, and Yuan Shih-k'ai was elected President of the Republic of China February 15, 1912. In 1915 the movement for the restoration of the monarchy gained ground, and in the Summer it became very pronounced in its activity The Council of State authorized the President to call a citizen convention to decide whether China should remain a republic or become an empire again, and in December the Council definitely urged upon the President the assumption of imperial dignity. After several refusals, Yuan Shih-k'ai announced the restoration of the monarchy, and on December 12 accepted the throne as Emperor of China. Rebellion immediately broke out. January 23 1916 it was stated that the coronation of the Emperor was indefinitely postponed because of the rebellion. And on March 23 the announcement was published that Yuan Shih-k'ai had decided to reject the imperial post and had resumed the Presidency. Yuan Shih-k'ai died June 6.

Caesar's Army Rations

William Sartain sends the following in answer to the question of N. W. West, as to the rations of Caesar's and Hannibal's armies:

Caesar's army in Gaul was fed on grain which they mashed and boiled. The father of a classmate of mine in Paris was one of the Counselors of Switzerland, and told me that the hardy mountaineers of Switzerland never eat meat—that there were revolts in the army because of its being part of their rations. Some of Caesar's army, I was told, revolted on being served meat rations.

Maurice Kolker writes as follows: The first time the measuring of grain for the soldiers occurs in Caesar is in Chapter XVI. of Book I. The grain was measured in the following manner: Wheat was usually served out to the soldiers for rations. This they themselves ground with hand mills. The grain was portioned out every fifteen days, and on the march each soldier carried his share in a sack. The allowance for fifteen days was two Roman pecks, about half a bushel by our measure. Rations of barley were frequently served out also as a punishment for slight offenses.

Origin of the Word 'Christmas'

A. K.—The word "Christmas" is from the Middle English (old English) "Cristmas" of "Cristesmesse," meaning "Christ's Mass."

The Word 'Hoosier'

A READER sends the following in answer to the query of James Summers:

The origin of the term "Hoosier," as applied to natives or inhabitants of the State of Indiana, is as follows:

Indiana—The "Hoosier State," from the word "hoosher," a word applied by the merchants of New Orleans to Indiana boatmen, because of their boisterous manner and perpetual bragging. (Creole French.)

Corporation Taxes

A. F.—Your question about special corporation taxes, &c., taking effect January 1, 1917, can best be answered by quoting the law, as follows:

Every corporation, joint-stock company or association, now or hereafter organized in the United States for profit and having a capital stock represented by shares, and every insurance company, now or hereafter organized under the laws of the United States, or any State or Territory of the United States, shall pay annually a special excise tax with respect to the carrying on or doing business by such corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company, equivalent to 50 cents for each $1,000 of the fair value of its capital stock and in estimating the value of capital stock the surplus and undivided profits shall be included: Provided, That in the case of insurance companies such deposits and reserve funds as they are required by law or contract to maintain or hold for the protection of or payment to or apportionment among policyholders shall not be included. The amount of such annual tax shall in all cases be computed on the basis of the fair average value of the capital stock for the preceding year: Provided, That for the purpose of this tax an exemption of $99,000 shall be allowed from the captial stock as defined in this paragraph of each corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company: Provided further, That a corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company, actually paying the tax imposed by Section Three Hundred and One of Title III. of this act shall be entitled to a credit as against the tax imposed by this paragraph equal to the amount of the tax so actually paid: And provided further, That this tax shall not be imposed upon any corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company not engaged in business during the preceding taxable year, or which is exempt under the provisions of Section Eleven, Title I., of this act.

Every corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company, now or hereafter organised for profit under the laws of any foreign country and engaged in business in the United States shall pay annually a special excise tax with respect to the carrying on or doing business in the United States by such corporation, joint stock company or association, or insurance company, equivalent to 50 cents for each $1,000 of the capital actually invested in the transaction of its business in the United States: Provided, That in the case of insurance companies such deposits or reserve funds as they are required by law or contract to maintain or hold in the United States for the protection of or payment to or apportionment among policyholders, shall not be included. The amount of such annual tax shall in all cases be computed on the basis of the average amount of capital so invested during the preceding year: Provided, That for the purpose of this tax an exemption from the amount of capital so invested shall be allowed equal to such proportion of $99,000 as the amount so invested bears to the total amount invested in the transaction of business in the United States or elsewhere:" Provided further, That this exemption shall be allowed only if such corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company makes return to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, under regulations prescribed by him, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury of the amount of capital invested in the transaction of business outside the United States: And provided further, That a corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company actually paying the tax imposed by Section Three Hundred and One of Title III. of this act, shall be entitled to a credit as against the tax imposed by this paragraph equal to the amount of the tax so actually paid: And provided further, That this tax shall not be imposed upon any corporation, joint-stock company or association, or insurance company not engaged in business during the preceding taxable year, of which is exempt under the provisions of Section Eleven, Title I., of this act.

Boer Concentration Camps

Stanwix.—The establishment of so-called "concentration camps" in South Africa during the latter part of the Boer war was announced by Lord Kitchener, who had recently succeeded Lord Roberts in the British command December 21, 1900. In answer to your detailed questions about the establishment of the camps, we quote Larned's "Ready Reference History."

"Lord Kitchener decided to empty the contested regions of their non-combatant population by gathering it into 'concentration camps,' thus resorting to a measure which the Spaniards had employed in Cuba, and which the Americans had copied from them in the Philippines. Accordingly, he had issued to general officers a 'memorandum' in which he said:

"'Lord Kitchener desires that general officers will, according to the means at their disposal, follow this system in the districts which they occupy or may traverse. The women and children brought in should be camped near the railway for supply purposes, and should be divided in two categories, viz: First—Refugees and the familes of neutrals, non-combatants, and surrendered burghers. Second—Those whose husbands, fathers, and sons are on commands. The preference in accommodation, etc., should of course be given to the first class. The ordnance will supply the necessary tents and the District Commissioner will look after the food on the scale now in use.

"'It should be clearly explained to burghers in the field that, if they voluntarily surrender, they will be allowed to live with their families in the camps until it is safe for them to return to their homes.'"

The following comment, narrative, and description to answer your further inquiries are taken from "The Times History of the War in South Africa."

"The policy was inspired by two motives. In the first place, it was supposed that the removal of the families would induce fighting Boers to surrender, and would thus shorten the war. In the second place, it was a measure of humanity toward the unprotected occupants of lonely farms. The decision was taken somewhat lightly. In its primary object it failed absolutely. Far from providing an inducement to surrender, it lifted from the fighting burghers a load of embarrassment. To the British, military consequences were disastrous. To the Boers, the gain was twofold. On the shoulders of their enemy lay the heavy task of removal and maintenance, involving enormous expense and a grave hindrance to military operations, while they themselves, relieved of all responsibility for their women and children, were free to devote their energies with a clear conscience to the single aim of fighting. While one of the British aims was signally defeated, the other, that of humanity, was at first only partially attained. The scheme for the concentration camps was lacking in foresight. Adequate provision was not made for the hosts of refugees requiring shelter. The regular medical and sanitary staff were already fully occupied with the needs of the army and, men were lacking for the organisation and supervision of the camps. Sites chosen on purely military grounds often proved wholly unsuitable. Too much reliance was placed on the capacity for self-help to be shown by the Boers themselves, and

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the Boers proved to be helpless utterly averse to cleanliness and ignorant of the simplest elements of medicine and sanitation. The result was that for a certain period there was a very high rate of mortality among these unfortunate people."

Later, the history goes on: "With regard to the Boer non-combatant population, an important modification of policy was initiated in Dec. Orders were issued to all columns that no more families, save those in actual danger of starvation, and those belong to a privileged class . . . were to be brought into the concentration camps. Since most of the accessible farms had already been emptied, the order applied mainly to the women and children who had preferred, in defiance of hardship, to accompany the commandos, and who were living in nomadic laagers. The Boers, however much they had railed in the past against the inhumanity of the camps, were soon to realize and admit the essential humanity of the concentration system. The embarrassment and anxiety caused by the helpless non-combatants in their midst was to grow day by day. Finally, at the Vereeniging conference, the truth received frank and undisguised expression. 'Today,' said Botha, 'we are only too glad to know that our women and children are under British protection.' The wretchedness of those who remained on the veldteld became, indeed, a powerful argument for submission."

The Right of Exclusion

M. B. J.—Your question as to whether a Pope's election "cannot be confirmed without the consent of the ruler of Austria-Hungary" harks back for an explanatory answer to the "Right of Exclusion," the alleged competence of the more important Catholic countries, Austria, France, and Spain, to indicate to their respective Cardinal Protector, or Cardinal Procurator, those members of the Sacred College who were personate minus gratae, so that, if there was a possibility of one of these becoming Pope, the authorised Cardinal might, before the decisive ballot, give his veto, in the name of his Government, against such election. We quote the Catholic Encyclopedia: "The Cardinal Protector, or Cardinal Procurator, was as a rule that member of the Sacred College who had been created a Cardinal at the request of his Government. This declaration could only be made at the last moment, for the reason that, by traditional usage, a Government might invoke this alleged right only once at the same conclave, and consequently would not wish to employ it unnecessarily. A veto made after the election was not recognised. Opinions differ widely as to the antiquity of this right. . . . It was claimed about the middle of the seventeenth century. In the following period repeated use was made of this so-called right. In the nineteenth century Austria maintained the right of exclusion, in 1830, against Cardinal Severoli, and Spain in 1830 against Cardinal Giustiniani; in 1903 Austria again exercised this right, this time against Cardinal Rampolla. As a matter of fact, no Government has a right to exercise any veto in a papal election. On the contrary, the Popes have expressly repudiated the exercise of such right. . . . It is plain that the Popes have rejected all right of exclusion by a Catholic State in a papal election. Nor can it be admitted that this right has arisen through custom. . . . Recent legislation by Pope Pius X. has absolutely repudiated and abolished forever this 'right of exclusion.' You see, therefore, that, while your supposition is not, and never has been, correct, Austria and other countries have in the past exercised an alleged "right" of veto.

Population by Sex

Reader.—About half the probable population of the world has been enumerated with relation to sex. About 50.3 per cent male, 49.7 per cent female, is the result of this count. Only in Europe, among continents, do the females outnumber the males, the proportion being: Female, 50.6 per cent: male, 49.4 per cent. In most parts of the world of which we have information the reverse is true. The percentage of males in British India is 50.9; in the tributary States, 51.7; in Japan, 50.5. In the United States, by the 1910 census, there were 106 males to 100 females, the divisions of native, foreign etc., being as follows: Native white, of native parentage, 104 males, 100 females; native white, of foreign parentage, 99.5 males, 100 females; foreign white, 129.2 males, 100 females; negro, 98.9 males, 100 females; all other 185 males, 100 females.

Germans and Food

J. E. —Your question as to the statement "by German doctors that the health, beauty, and form of the German people are improving because of the shortage in food" apparently refers to a story received in this country not long ago to the effect that the Imperial War Food Bureau is sending Professor Ismar Boas, one of Germany's authorities on food values, through the empire lecturing before women's associations on "How One Can Live on Almost Nothing."

In one of his recent lectures, as reported in the German newspapers and summarised by the London press, Dr. Boas declared that his main object really was to dispel the prevailing apprehension that there was any danger of the national health being impaired by under-nutrition. He contended that one could speak of under-nutrition only when the pre-war standard was accepted as normal. As a matter of fact, the pre-war standard was over-nutrition, and if in a vast number of cases war food had resulted in diminishing girth and weight, these results were really blessings in disguise which should not be taken tragically.

It was only permitted to speak of under-nutrition when loss of weight and circumference was accompanied by loss of physical and mental powers, and so far no deterioration in these respects was noticeable. He urged his audience to get rid of what he called "food idolatry." and produced figures to show values, needs, prices, etc.

The Nobel Prizes

W. C. MARSHALL.—By the will of Alfred B. Nobel, his fortune, estimated at $9,000,000, was left to found a fund of which the interest should yearly be distributed to those who had during the year contributed most "to the good of humanity." The interest is divided into five equal parts, each prize amounting, on the average, to about $40,000. The awards are made as follows: "One to the person who in the domain of physics has made the most important discovery or invention; one to the person who has made the most important chemical discovery or invention; one to the person who has made the most important discovery in the domain of medicine or physiology; one to the person who in literature has provided the most excellent work of an idealistic tendency, and one to the person who has worked most or best for the fraternization of nations and the abolition or roduction of standing armies and the calling in and propagating of peace congresses." The prizes for physics and chemistry are awarded by the Swedish Acadmy of Science for physiological or medical work by the Faculty of Medicine in Stockholm, for literature by the Swedish Academy, and for peace by a committee of five persons, elected by the Norwegian Storthing. The distribution of prizes takes place each year on December 10, the anniversary of the donor's death, but the awards have been incomplete since the outbreak of war; no peace prize, for instance, has been awarded since 1913.

The first prizes were distributed in 1901. The awards, for which you also inquire, have been, in chronological order, as follows:

Physics:—W. C. Rontgen, German; H. A. Lorentz and P. Zeeman, Hollanders; H. A. Becquerel, P. Curie, and Marie Curie, all French; Lord Rayleigh, English; Philipp Leonard, German; J. J. Thomson, English; Albert A. Michelson, American; Gabriel Lippman, French; William Marconi, Italian, and Ferdinand Braun, German; Johannes Diederik van der Waals, Hollander; Wilhelm Wien, German; Gustaf Dalen, Swiss; H. Kamerlingh Omnes, Germran; M. von Lane, German; William Henry Bragg and W. L. Bragg English.

Chemistry:—J. H. von Hoff, Hollander; E. Fischer, German; S. A. Arrhenius, Swede; Sir William Ramsay, English; Adolph von Boeyer, German; Henri Moissan, French; Edouard Buchner, German; Sir William Crookes, English; Ernest Rutherford, English; Wilhelm Ostwald, German; Otto Wallach, German; Marie S. Curie, French; Professor Griggnard and Professor Sabatter, French; Professor Werner, Swiss; William Richards, American; Richard Willistatter, German.

Medicine:—E. A. von Behring, German; R. Ross, English; N. R. Finsen, Dane; Pavloff, Russian; Robert Koch, German; Ramonry Cajal, Spanish; Professor Golgi, French; Dr. Iaveran, French; Paul Ehrlich, German, and Elie Metchnikoff, Russian; Theodor Kocher, Swiss; Albrecht Kossel, German; Allivar Gullstrand, Swedish; Alexis Carrel, French; Charles Richet, French.

Literature:—R. F. A. Sully-Prudhomme, French; Th. Mommsen, German; Bjornsterne Bjornson, Norwegian; Frederic Mistral, French, and Jose Echegaray, Spanish; Henryk Sienkiewicz, Polish; Professor Carducci, Italian; Rudyard Kipling, English; Rudolf Eucken, German; Selma Lagerlof, Swedish; Paul Heyes, German; Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian; Gerhard Hauptmann, German; Rabindranath Tagore, Bengalese; Romain Rolland, French.

Peace:—Henri Dunant, Swiss, and Fr. Passy, French; E. Ducommun and A. Gobat, both Swiss; W. R. Cremer, English; the Institution of International Law, (first award to an institution); Baroness von Suttner, Austrian; Theodore Roosevelt, American; E. T. Moneta, Italian, and Louis Renault, French; K. P. Arnoldson, Swede, and M. F. Bajer, Dane; Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, French, and M. Beernaert, Belgian; International Permanent Peace Bureau, Berne; T. M. C. Asser, Hollander, and Alfred Fried, Austrian; Elihu Root, American; Henri la Fontaine, Belgian.

Swiss Military System

J. C. WILSON sends the following: The explanation of the Swiss military system published in The Times fails to call attention to the most striking feature of the system, the one that distinguishes it from all other systems. In Switzerland there are neither officers nor soldiers by trade, except a small, carefully selected, and highly trained body, less than 150 in all who constitute the General Staff. In time of peace all others are self-supporting citizens, whose military services are rendered to the State as a duty, and who receive no pay except when actually with the colors. Every officer must serve first as a private and pass through all intermediate grades to his first rank. In time of peace there are neither pensions nor retired pay; and even when the army is mobilized the pay of the Commander in Chief is considerably lower than the peace pay of a brigadier in our army. As a consequence, the country is able, at an annual expense of about $8,000,000 to keep up an organization capable of putting in the field, in the course of two weeks, an army of 400,000 men, fully armed, organized, and equipped for immediate service. Under a similar system the United States would be able to maintain an army for defense amounting to not less than 4,000,000 men, at a cost not exceeding what is now paid for less than 100,000.

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A. F. Briggs, South China Morning Post, Hongkong, Black Watch (T.), D.C.M., wounded, Somme.

V. Davies, Shanghai Mercury, Royal Flying Corps.

Llewellyn Jones, Shanghai, Lieutenant, King's Royal Rifles, Military Cross.

H. L. Pearce, North China Daily News, Middlesex Regiment.

Walter Smart, North China Daily News, Second Lieutenant, attached Machine Gun Corps.

H. Steptoe, Peking and Tientsin Times, Lieutenant, wounded.

F. S. Tisdale, The China Press, A.S.C.

H. E. Victor, Hongkong Daily Press, "Diehards."

A. E. Wearne, Reuter's Correspondent, Peking, Captain, Anzacs.

Richard Wood, North China Daily News, Sergeant, Black Watch.

A. C. Young, Kobe Chronicle, Second Lieutenant, Royal Irish Fusiliers.

A former Shanghai journalist, Mr. James Valentine Walsh, is Second Air Mechanic in the R. F. C.

In the above list a mistake appears to have been made as to our former cartoonist, Mr. Tisdale. He went to France to endeavor to get into the American Ambulance Corps, but was unsuccessful and is now in Washington. Mr. A. M. Brace, however, who was a member of THE CHINA PRESS staff, and later our correspondent in Tsingtao throughout the siege, enlisted in that corps as a driver and is still so acting, so far as is known.

Mr. Colin Campbell, also formerly of this paper, is understood to have joined the British forces. There is also Major R. N. Shumaker, who has gained much honor in the Flying Corps, who numbers journalism amongst the many professions he has put a hand to.

Mr. F. J. H. Stone, the bosom friend of Captain S. A. Vincent and another of the general utility men, forsook journalism at Hongkong, went on a pearling trip to the South Seas and after that packed up for England and the army, since when news has been lacking, but he may be depended on to be where the excitement is.

From the north, there should be added Mr. Ryall, formerly of the Peking and Tientsin Times, who enlisted in King Edward's Horse and his editor, Mr. Gallagher, who saw service in South Africa, is also believed to have donned the khaki.

Lastly, Mr. Fred Leary, who was as efficient with his pencil as he was in the Shanghai Police and who had hosts of sketches published in various papers and was, besides, quite a clever writer, is probably now with the colors, for he went to Canada to enlist.

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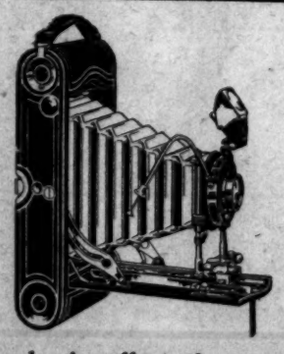

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(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 14.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported yesterday: We drove off a strong raiding party, southward of Pys. The enemy suffered heavy losses and some were taken prisoners. Repeated attacks made by the enemy, southward of Serre, were unsuccessful.

We penetrated the enemy's positions eastward of Souchez for several hundred yards and destroyed a trench rail-head, four mine-shafts and many dug-outs. The enemy resisted stubbornly and many were killed and 47 taken prisoners. Our casualties were slight.

We destroyed several occupied dug-outs, north-eastward of Neuville St. Vaast, northward of Loos and eastward of Ypres. A small party of the enemy reached our trenches, southward of Armentieres, but were ejected.

Sir Douglas Haig reported this evening: We captured a strong point, south-eastward of Grandcourt and took some prisoners. We penetrated 200 yards into the enemy's defences, north-eastward of Arras, reaching their third line.

Two machine-gun emplacements and a number of dug-outs were destroyed and many of the enemy killed in their dug-outs, which they refused to leave. Forty were taken prisoners. Our casualties were light.

We entered the enemy's lines, northward of the Somme and north-east of Ypres, inflicting a considerable number of casualties.

A raid attempted by the enemy, eastward of Armentieres, during the night, was repulsed. A second party reached our trenches, southward of Messines, but were quickly ejected.

We exploded three ammunition-dumps, eastward of Armentieres and caused a fire in the enemy's lines, northward of Ypres.

(By wireless).—A German official communique reports: After hand-to-hand fighting, we repulsed two attacks made by the British, southward of Serre and, at the point of the bayonet, drove out detachments of enemy troops established before our front.

Paris, February 14.—The official communique issued this afternoon reported: An attack made by the enemy, in the sector of Baccarat, in Lorraine, failed. We carried out a successful *coup-de-main*, east of Metzeral, in Alsace and brought back some prisoners.

A German aeroplane bombed Dunkirk and the region of Pompey, in Meurthe-et-Moselle, where two civilians were killed and two injured.

BRITISH SUPREME COURT

Libel Action Started

Pleadings were ordered in the British Supreme Court yesterday in an action for libel brought by Dr. Ernest Louis Marsh against Messrs. Hayley Morriss, E. C. Pearce and Gordon Morriss. The writ was endorsed as follows:—

"Damages for libel contained in the North China Daily News of January 16, 1917; and costs."

The case was called before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez (Judge); Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Francis Ellis for Mr. Hayley Morriss and Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper for Mr. E. C. Pearce and Mr. Gordon Morriss.

It was agreed by counsel that this was a case in which there ought to be pleadings, and his Lordship made an order to that effect.

Sir Geo. Cooper, Bart., Gives £2,635,000 To Britain's War Loan

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 13.—Sir George Cooper, Bart., has subscribed £2,635,000 to the war loan, including over two million of new money. This is the largest individual subscription up to the present.

BRITISH WAR HONORS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 13.—A feature of the New Year Honors is that they are nearly all conferred for work in connection with the war and none for political services.

Sir Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Evening Star, is the only peer. Colonel Owen-Thomas, who was mentioned in the report on the Cornwallis-West case, is knighted for his services to recruiting. Mr. W. A. Tritton, of the Ministry of Munitions, is knighted for his work in the development of "tanks."

The honors include:

To be G. C. M. G.: Sir George Fiddes, Assistant Under Secretary for the Colonies.

To be Baronet: Sir Frank Adam, Vice-Chairman of the East Lancs. Territorial Forces.

To be C. M. G.: A. S. Pagden, Controller of Revenue, Ceylon; Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

To be K. C. B.: John Norton-Griffiths, Unionist M. P. for Wednesbury; The Earl of Dartmouth; Sir Frederick Black, Director-General of Munitions Supply; Hon. J. Allen, New Zealand Minister of Defence;—Kent, Director of Labor Supply, Ministry of Munitions;—Duckham, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Munitions; Charles Ellis, Director-General of Ordnance Supplies; E. H. W. Tennyson-d'Eyncourt, C. B., Director of Naval Construction; Major-General Sir Charles Crutchley, Governor of Chelsea Hospital.

To be C. B.: The Duke of Atholl and seven organisers of the Territorial forces.

SHELL FRENCH COAST

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, February 14.—An official communique reports: At 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon, an enemy submarine fired six shots at the coast near the mouth of the River Adour, in the Bay of Biscay. The coast batteries replied and the submarine plunged immediately. Five persons were wounded. Little damage was done.

Mr. A. Wilden Named As Consul-General For France in Shanghai

It is officially announced that Mr. A. Wilden, until now special representative of the French Foreign office at Yunnanfu, has been appointed to succeed Mr. P. E. Naggiar, acting consul general here, who is authorised to return home on leave.

Mr. Wilden saw active military service at the beginning of the great war, when he served with the British Expeditionary Corps. King George conferred upon him the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Besides this he wears the decoration of the Croix de Guerre and is a chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur, this last distinction having been awarded for his services at the time of the siege of the Peking Legations, in 1900.

Mr. Wilden has had a long and remarkable career in China. He was born on March 23, 1869, and is a barrister-at-law. At the time of the Boxer troubles he was in the employ of the Peking-Hankow Railway. After the siege at Peking he entered on his consular career, and in 1905 became attached to the Ministry, where he remained for some time, being in charge of the Consulates of Chungking and Chengtu. He was later appointed delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Yunnan, and has been in this high position until now.

INFLATED TEA PRICES

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, February 13.—In the House of Commons, today, Mr. Michael Flavin suggested that the increase in the price of tea in London is unjustifiable.

Captain Bathurst agreed and stated that it was proposed to investigate the matter immediately.

Mr. Flavin suggested that the names of the large companies unpatriotically holding up large quantities of tea should be published.

Captain Bathurst promised to bring the matter to the attention of Lord Devonport, the Food Controller.

Sir J. D. Rees declared that similar allegations had been made previously and it turned out that they were founded on a misunderstanding.

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Sir E. Fraser Is Re-elected President of Overseas Club

Suggests Empire Day Plans Be Held Over 'In View Of Possible Happenings'

The Overseas Club (Shanghai branch) is prospering so much and working so easily that the annual meeting at the Royal Asiatic Society's Hall, yesterday, was scarcely more than a formal affair and there was very little discussion. Consul-General Sir Everard Fraser, who presided, made a significant remark during the debate on the manner in which Empire Day should be celebrated this year.

May 24, said Sir Everard, was still quite a long way off and, "in view of possible happenings," he thought it would be better to leave the decision on the program to the new committee. Perhaps the members, too, had visions of a peace celebration, for they agreed unanimously to this course.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. H. Read for his efforts in connection with the Aircraft Fund and the Consul-General led the congratulations to Mr. E. H. Barnett, of the Supreme Court, on being the recipient of a special medal in acknowledgment of his collection of razors for the men at the front. Mr. Barnett only needs another ten to complete the second thousand and, with this reminder, he probably will get a good start on another thousand.

Sir Everard Fraser was re-elected President, Mr. H. Browett was appointed Vice-President and the new committee is as follows: Mrs. J. T. W. Brooke, Mrs. Dudley H. Read, Miss Essylt Newbery, Messrs. Arthur Akehurst, Campbell Henderson, E. Jenner Hogg, Captain P. M. B. Lake, Messrs. C. S. Fitzroy Lloyd, H. H. Read and J. A. Smallbones.

The report and accounts were adopted. The former stated that the total number of ladies and gentlemen who had been nominated and accepted for membership up to the end of 1915 was 994. At least 30 of these are now serving with His Majesty's forces and their names are retained upon the roll of members, whether their 1916 subscriptions have been paid or not. During 1916, 226 new members were enrolled.

Since the outbreak of war the Over-Seas Club has accomplished:—

1.—Organised an Imperial Aircraft Flotilla. Seventy-five aeroplanes, at a total cost of over £115,000, have been presented to the Royal Flying Corps.

2.—Conducted a tobacco fund to provide smokes and comforts for soldiers and sailors. Over £170,000 has been collected.

3.—Between ten and eleven thousand members have joined the forces.

4.—Over-Seas Club total war funds exceed £325,000.

5.—Opened new club rooms in the heart of London.

6.—Extended honorary membership to members of the Over-Seas contingents who happen to be in London on their way to or from the front.

7.—Publishes each month Over-Seas, the Club monthly magazine.

DUTCH FOOD RIOTS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rotterdam, February 13.—There have been hunger riots in the principal streets and provision-shops were pillaged. The police dispersed the crowds with sabres and sticks.

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A match has been arranged (Singles and Doubles) between the Lawn Bowls Section of the above Clubs on Sunday next, the 18th inst., at Hongkew Park, the losing side to pay for tiffins. Players are requested to make arrangements as to time of play. The teams:

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B. Anderton	E. F. White
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WEATHER

Very cloudy and still gloomy weather. Threats of rain at the mouth of the Yangtsze. Mist and fog on the coast. Monsoon interrupted in the South.

IMPARTIAL AND PROGRESSIVE

SHANGHAI, FEBRUARY 16, 1917

The Rake's Progress

(Japan Advertiser)

IT is easy to imagine that in years to come, when a sufficient interval of time shall have elapsed to enable the future historian to study all past events objectively and dispassionately, he will find something at once appalling and pathetic in the blind recklessness with which Germany gratuitously cast away the fruits of laborious days. It is fashionable to talk about the blunders of the Entente Powers, and we are in no mood to extenuate them; yet it must be recognized that Germany has been guilty of the super-blunder, the blunder of blunders in imagining that she could impose her will upon the rest of the world.

It has been truly said that in things purely material the German rarely errs. We are inclined to go a step farther and say that in his appraisements of nations standing lower in the scale of civilisation than himself he is hardly ever at fault. In proof of this contention we can point to the undoubted success of German diplomacy in the Balkans, where such diversified types as Bulgar, Turk, and Greek have fallen blindly beneath its persuasive spell. On the contrary it is when the German finds himself face to face with what we feel ourselves justified in calling superior types of spiritual if not material or merely intellectual culture that he displays the defects of his qualities. At the very beginning he was guilty of the fundamental mistake of supposing that Great Britain would stand idly by, a mildly interested spectator, while he ravaged Belgium. Even in his estimate of Russia, which in some respects he understands better than any other European, he has repeatedly miscalculated. He fondly believed that his Zeppelins and submarines would strike such terror into the Anglo-Saxon heart that England would be glad to lay down her arms. He thought that the sledge-hammer blows inflicted upon Russia would predispose her to accept his terms and conclude a separate peace. Probably he never anticipated that Italy would abandon the Triple Alliance and array herself in the ranks of his foes. He had further convinced himself that, with Turkey as an ally, plus the ubiquity of German intrigue, he could depend upon rousing the Moslem world against the Entente Powers in general and Great Britain and Russia in particular in a sort of Holy War. What we actually see is something quite different. India in the mass has been touchingly loyal to the Great Raj; Russia's Mohammedan subjects have contributed thousands and thousands of splendid soldiers to her armies, and Arabia has raised the standard of independence.

Foiled in her insensate dream of world conquest and even confronted with the grisly spectre of defeat Germany after repeated failures to suborn the Allies in detail, went a step farther in the hope of winning over neutral opinion to her side and through this medium compelling the Entente Powers to enter into peace negotiations. In this move she once more showed herself incapable of gauging the psychology of the civilised neutral world outside Germany. In his own celebrated Peace Note President Wilson could not take sides. He could not without prejudicing his case from the start discriminate ethically between Germany and her enemies, whatever may have been his true views on the merits and demerits of the quarrel. But though the voice of diplomacy must defer to certain accepted rules of propriety, public opinion in general is not so shackled. Without perhaps going all the way with extremists among the anti-German coalition in seeing only the most refined disinterestedness and altruistic solicitude for the smaller states in the motives prompting the Allies to fight Prussianism, neutral opinion, with negligible exceptions, now fully realises that the greatest good of the greatest number can best be served by the victory of the Entente Powers. Equally it understands that any peace concluded under existing conditions of the war map could not be juggled into even a simulacrum of an Allied triumph, and would redound only to the benefit of Germany, or better, of Prussian militarism. When, therefore, the Allies unanimously rejected these spurious peace overtures neutral public opinion wholeheartedly approved this step, for it had already detected the essential insincerity underlying Germany's diplomatic move.

Every successive move upon the diplomatic chess-board since that date has but served to extend the scope of the Entente's moral victory. Driven to desperation Germany finally resolved upon a step which again betokened either lamentable inability to appreciate the strength of the moral forces arrayed against her or, as American public opinion is beginning to believe, a determination to stake her all upon one throw, fully conscious that failure would mean national ostracism and a state of war against all Christendom. That things are rapidly coming to such a pass we are almost justified in assuming from the trend of events since President Wilson made his notable declaration to the Senate and his appeal to all other neutrals to follow the example of the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany. True, considerations of life and death as in the unfortunate cases of Holland, Switzerland, and Denmark, may operate to prevent this neutral condemnation from being technically unanimous, but we cannot doubt that in spirit all three states are with America and all other neutrals in unqualified denunciation of Germany's threat of unrestricted submarine warfare. Their spiritual adhesion to the consensus of sentiment adverse to Germany completes the latter's isolation. A situation has therefore been created unique in the history of the world.

It is easy to read into President Wilson's words a hope that at the last moment the German people, as distinct from the Prussian militaristic oligarchy, will awake to timely realisation of the abyss towards which they are speeding headlong. We know something about the docility of the German mind in its attitude toward constituted authority, and the habits of centuries cannot be lightly cast aside. While the issue remained confined to the Central Powers on the one side and the anti-German coalition on the other, one can understand why the mass of the German people preferred to stand by a dynasty and a government which after all have given them comparatively honest administration and a high level of material and intellectual culture. Doubtless the bureaucracy is amazingly skilful in keeping the truth concealed from the German people as a whole, but it is difficult to believe that it can succeed in doing this for an indefinite period. What will happen when the German people at length realise that the rest of the civilised world is arrayed against Germany, that she is a pariah and an outcast? May not that realisation bring with it consciousness of the futility and the hopelessness of further struggle? On their part the lethal armies of the Entente will not permit any such possibility to detract from the vigor of their blows, but on the part of the publicist it is permissible to speculate along the fore-going lines. It is doubly permissible in that responsible spokesmen of the Allies have distinctly dissociated themselves from any wish to ruin the German people, as distinct from the military clique which has plunged them into this inferno of desolation. There is plenty of evidence to show that numerous individual Germans are at last awake to the truth; when this knowledge becomes universal something may happen to shorten the war.

One or the Other

A Western member of the Birth Control Society is said to be the mother of ten children, which is either a knock or a boost for the organisation, just as you please.—*Exchange.*

Hope To Raise Lusitania's Treasure

(American Marine Engineer)

Plans to salve the treasure of the Lusitania, variously estimated at from one million to several millions of dollars in money, jewellry and other valuables, lying beneath the waves eight miles off the Irish coast, are being made secretly in New York City.

The attempt may be made early next spring by one salving firm, and there may be others, including an English company, as the Lusitania is, to use a sporting phrase, "anybody's pigeon."

It is known that negotiations are proceeding with the English underwriters by one New York firm, and that all available data concerning the position and condition of the sunken steamship, including the depth of water, temperature, currents and generally prevailing conditions, are being collected.

The information acquired during the past few months has now led to a confidence that what treasure there is in the strong room, passengers' cabins and baggage holds can with a reasonable amount of luck be retrieved.

The possibility of actually salving the vessel itself and beaching her on the Irish coast has been considered tentively. The main deterrent is not the size but the condition of the vessel, and also the question of how much of her was left intact by the explosion of the torpedo which sent her to the bottom with a thousand victims in May, 1915. Nevertheless when diving operations are begun in the spring, the vessel will be thoroughly examined to determine if there is a possible chance of bringing her once more to the surface. The Lusitania was valued at $10,000,000, and even as scrap she would prove a bonanza in metal value alone.

The Lusitania lies resting 270 feet below the surface at an accurately chartered point directly off the Old Head of Kinsale, eight miles seaward. Such a depth a few years ago would have rendered salvage work practically unthinkable, but modern improvement in diving apparatus has made it possible for divers to work at that and even greater depths for considerable periods of time at a stretch.

This was demonstrated in raising the United States submarine F-4, which sank outside Honolulu harbor on March 25, 1915, and was refloated and towed into the harbor on August 29 of the same year. She lay on a slope of the ocean bed, her bow 288 feet below the surface and her stern 306 feet; yet divers worked in fair comfort at these depths, and thereby established a world's record.

The Lusitania's depth of 270 feet does not, to men with whom the reporters talked, present the difficulties that the F-4 did although there is one disadvantage in the difference in the temperature of the water, that off Honolulu being much warmer than off the coast of Ireland. But hope is expressed that the influence of the Gulf Stream sweeping by the Irish coast may mitigate this difference, although definite data on this point has not yet been received.

In considering the 270 feet depth it was pointed out that this is the maximum, and proper allowance should be made for her height on beam, depending upon whether she is lying fairly right or on her side. Her beam is over eighty feet and her height approximately the same. This, it was contended, would considerably reduce the depth at which it would be necessary for the divers to work.

If lying fairly upright there would be little difficulty in retrieving the contents of the strong room, which is near the purser's office on one of the upper decks. The belongings of the wealthy passengers like Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt would present even less difficulty, as they would be higher up on the promenade decks.

The holds wherein are the passengers' baggage are on a level with the lower deck, which is above the vessel's water line, thirty-one feet above the keel. Lying on her side would offer perhaps even more advantages of operation, as access would be easy to various parts of the vessel, even to the cargo holds, where there are hundreds of tons of valuable imperishable materials, such as sheet brass, copper and military goods valued at the lowest estimate in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

Although the Lusitania is a prize that makes the mouths of the salvage people water, if the yield was but a million dollars—and that to the salvage people is a very picayune appraisal of what with luck, they would retrieve from the Lusitania—the profit would be more than satisfactory. Usually the underwriters with whom the salvage companies work in agreement are content with 10 per cent of the recoveries leaving 90 per cent out of which to pay for operations and make a profit.

There was some flurry in salvage company offices here on receipt of a despatch from Manchester (England) saying that efforts to recover the Lusitania treasure would be begun immediately and that the operations would have to be completed before the end of October, on account of the winter temperature of the water, which, it is claimed, would make it impossible for divers to work after the first of November. A month would be too short a time to accomplish anything very tangible in the case of the Lusitania, it was contended.

Another thing, it is said, which would probably prevent any English concern attempting the job, at least until after the war, would be danger from German submarine attack.

'You Can No Longer Call It War But Murder,' Writes A German

By Philip Gibbs

In another of his masterly reviews of recent operations on the Somme, Philip Gibbs quotes the first hand evidence of German letters, diaries, and Orders of the Day, never designed for enemy perusal in which unwilling tribute is paid to the overwhelming character of British assaults and the real panic created by the British Army's engine of destruction, the Tank. In the letter of a female relative in Germany, German soldiers are exhorted to throw down their weapons and go on strike, "so that war which enslaves the people more may cease." Mr. Gibbs writes:

All through July and August the enemy's troops fought with great and stubborn courage, defending every bit of broken woodland, every heap of bricks that was once a village, every line of trenches smashed by heavy shell-fire, with obstinacy. It is, indeed, fair and just to say that throughout these battles of the Somme up to the present day our men have fought against an enemy hard to beat, grim and resolute, and inspired sometimes with the courage of despair. But the Germans were fighting what they knew to be a losing battle. They were fighting rearguard actions, trying to gain time for the hasty digging of ditches behind them, trying to sell their lives at the highest price. They lived not only under incessant gun fire, gradually weakening their nerve power, working a physical as well as a moral change in them, but in constant terror of British attacks.

The German General Staff was getting flurried, grabbing at battalions from short parts of the line, disorganising its divisions under the urgent need of flinging in men to stop this rot in the lines, ordering counter-attacks which were without any chance of success, so that thin waves of men came out into the open, as I have seen them myself, to be swept down by scythes of bullets which cut them clean to the earth. Before September 15 they hoped that the British offensive was wearing itself out. Their own reserves could not keep pace with the strain upon the whole machinery of their organisation. Many of their guns had worn out, and could not be replaced quickly enough.

Battalion commanders clamored for greater supplies of hand-grenades, entrenching tools, trench-mortars, signal rockets, and all kinds of fighting material enormously in excess of all previous requirements. The difficulties of dealing with the wounded, who littered the battlefields and choked the roads with the traffic of ambulances became increasingly severe owing to the dearth of horses for transport and the longer range of British guns which had been brought far forward.

Surprise of the 'Tanks'

On September 15 the German command had another great shock. The whole line of the British troops on the Somme front south of the Ancre rose out of their trenches and swept over the German defences in a great tide. The defences broke hopelessly, and the waves dashed through. Here and there on the German left at Morval and Les Boeufs, the bulwarks stood for a time, but the British pressed against them and round them. On the German right, below the little river of the Ancre, Courcelette fell, and Martinpuich, and High Wood, which the Germans desired to hold at all costs, and had held against incessant attacks by a great concentration of artillery, was captured and left behind by the London men. A new engine of war had come as a demoralising influence among German troops, spreading terror among them.

It was the first day out of those fantastic monsters the tanks, strange and horrible in their surprise, very deadly in their action against machine-gun emplacements, not stopped by trenches or barbed-wire, or tree stumps, or heaps of fallen houses. For the first time the Germans were outwitted in inventions of destruction—they who had been foremost in all engines of death. It was the moment of real panic in the German lines—a panic reaching back from the troops to the High Command. Ten days later, on September 25, when the British made a new advance—all this time the French were pressing forward too, but that is no part of my story—Combles was evacuated without a fight and with a litter of death in its streets; Gueudecourt, Lesboeufs, and Morval were lost by the Germans; and a day later Thiepval, the greatest fortress position next to Beaumont Hamel, fell, with all its garrison taken prisoners. They were black days in the German headquarters, where staff officers heard the news over their telephones, and sent stern orders to artillery commanders and divisional generals, and, after dictating new instructions that certain trench systems must be held at whatever price, heard that already they were lost.

It was at this time that the moral of the German troops on the Somme front showed most signs of breaking. A man of the 17th Bavarian Regiment wrote:

"We are now fighting on the Somme with the English. You can no longer call it war. It is mere murder. We are at a local point of the present battle in Foureaux Wood (near Guillemont). All my previous experience in this war—the slaughter at Ypres and the battle in the gravel-pit at Hulluch—are the purest child's play compared with this massacre, and that is much too mild a description."

A detailed picture of the German losses under our bombardment is given in the diary of an officer captured in a trench near Flers and dated September 22.

"The signal for a bombardment by heavies was given by the English aeroplanes. On the first day we tried to fire by platoons on the aeroplanes, but the second aeroplane retaliated by dropping bombs and firing his machine-gun at our troops. Our own airmen appeared only once for a short time behind our lines. While enemy aeroplanes are observing from early morning till late at night our own hardly ever venture near. The opinion is that our trenches cannot protect troops during a barrage of the shortest duration owing to lack of dugouts. The enemy understands how to prevent with his terrible barrage the bringing up of building material, and even how to hinder the work itself. The consequence is that our trenches are always ready for an assault on his part.

"The continual barrage on our lines of communication makes it very difficult for us to ration and relieve our troops, to supply water, ammunition, and building material, to evacuate wounded, and causes heavy losses. This and the lack of protection from artillery fire, and the weather, the lack of hot meals, the continual necessity of lying still in the same place, the danger of being buried, the long time the wounded have to remain in the trenches and chiefly, the terrible effect of the machine-gun and heavy artillery fire, controlled by an excellent air service, has a most demoralising effect on the troops. Only with the greatest difficulty could the men be persuaded to stay in the trenches under those conditions."

Desertion and Malingering

There were some who could not be persuaded to stay, if they could see any chance of deserting or malingering. For the first time on our front the German officers could not trust the courage of their men, nor their loyalty, nor their sense of discipline. All this horror of men blown to bits over living men, of trenches heaped with dead and dying, was stronger than courage, stronger than loyalty, stronger than discipline. A moral rot was threatening to bring the German troops on the Somme front to disaster. Large numbers of men reported sick and tried by every kind of trick to be sent back to base hospitals. In the 4th Bavarian Division desertions were frequent, and several times whole bodies of men refused to go forward into the front line. The moral of men in the 293rd Regiment taken at Courcelette seemed to be very weak. One of the prisoners declared that they gave themselves up without firing a shot because they could trust the English not to kill them.

Many of the German officers were as demoralised as the men, shirking their posts in the trenches, shamming sickness, and even leading the way to surrender. A German regimental order says:

"I must state with the greatest regret that the regiment during this change of position had to take notice of the sad fact that men of four of the companies, inspired by shameful cowardice, left their companies on their own initiative and did not move into line."

Another Order contains the same fact and a warning of what punishment may be meted out:

"Proofs are multiplying of men leaving the position without permission and hiding at the rear. It is our duty—each at his post—to deal with this fact with energy and success."

Many of the German soldiers went raving mad. The shell-shock victims clawed at their mouths unceasingly, or lay motionless like corpses with staring eyes, or trembled in every limb, moaning miserably, and afflicted with a great terror. Into their letters there crept bitter, burning words against "the millionaires—who grow rich out of the war," against the high people who live in comfort behind the lines. Letters from home inflamed these thoughts. It was not good reading for men under shellfire.

"It seems that you soldiers fight so that official stay-at-homes can treat us as female criminals. Tell me, dear husband, are you a criminal when you fight in the trenches, or why do people treat women and children here as such? . . . For the poor here it is terrible, and yet the rich, the gilded ones, the bloated aristocrats, gobble up everything in front of our very eyes. . . . All soldiers—friend and foe—ought to throw down their weapons and go on strike, so that this war which enslaves the people more may cease."

Thousands of letters, all in this strain, were reaching the German soldiers on the Somme.

Behind the lines deserters were shot in batches. To those in front came Orders of the Day, warning them, exhorting them, commanding them to hold fast. One of these Orders says:

"To the hesitating and faint-hearted in the regiment I would say the following: What the Englishman can do the German can do also. Or if, on the other hand, the Englishman really is a better and superior being, he would be quite justified in his aim as regards this war, viz., the extermination of the Germans. There is a further point to be noted: this is the first time we have been in the line on the Somme, and, what is more, we are there at a time when things are more calm. The English regiments opposing us have been in the firing-line for the second, and in some cases even the third, time. Heads up, and play the man!"

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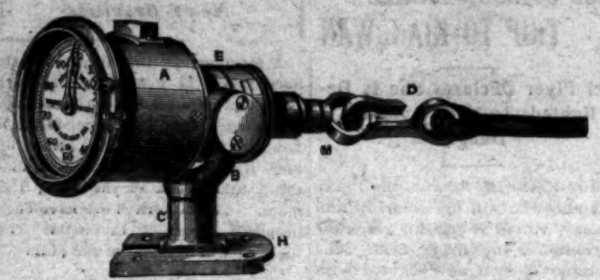

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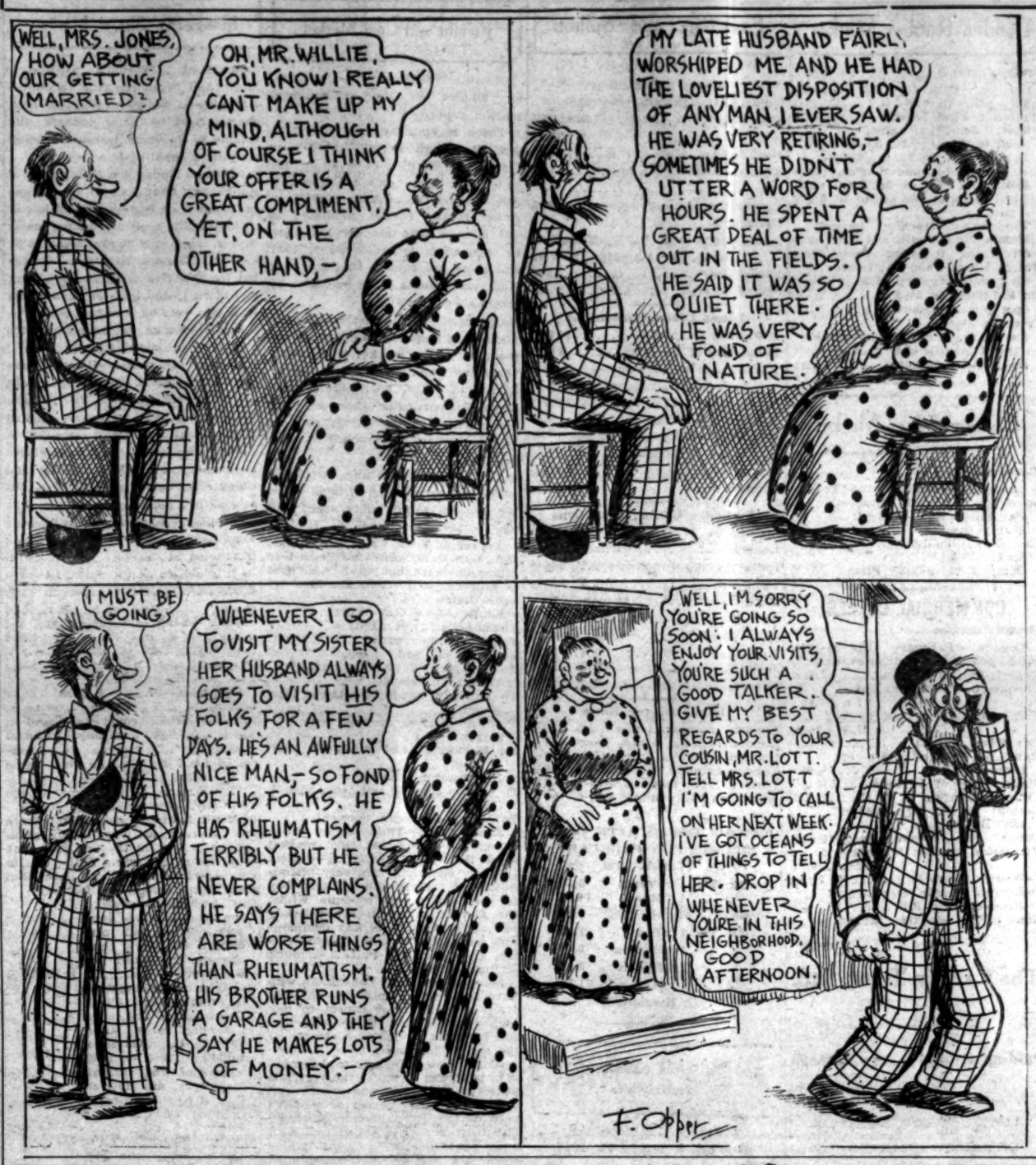
WELL, MRS. JONES, HOW ABOUT OUR GETTING MARRIED?
OH, MR. WILLIE, YOU KNOW I REALLY CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE I THINK YOUR OFFER IS A GREAT COMPLIMENT. YET, ON THE OTHER HAND,—
MY LATE HUSBAND FAIRLY WORSHIPED ME AND HE HAD THE LOVELIEST DISPOSITION OF ANY MAN I EVER SAW. HE WAS VERY RETIRING,— SOMETIMES HE DIDN'T UTTER A WORD FOR HOURS. HE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME OUT IN THE FIELDS. HE SAID IT WAS SO QUIET THERE. HE WAS VERY FOND OF NATURE.
I MUST BE GOING
WHENEVER I GO TO VISIT MY SISTER HER HUSBAND ALWAYS GOES TO VISIT HIS FOLKS FOR A FEW DAYS. HE'S AN AWFULLY NICE MAN,— SO FOND OF HIS FOLKS. HE HAS RHEUMATISM TERRIBLY BUT HE NEVER COMPLAINS. HE SAYS THERE ARE WORSE THINGS THAN RHEUMATISM. HIS BROTHER RUNS A GARAGE AND THEY SAY HE MAKES LOTS OF MONEY.—
WELL, I'M SORRY YOU'RE GOING SO SOON: I ALWAYS ENJOY YOUR VISITS, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD TALKER. GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO YOUR COUSIN, MR. LOTT. TELL MRS. LOTT I'M GOING TO CALL ON HER NEXT WEEK. I'VE GOT OCEANS OF THINGS TO TELL HER. DROP IN WHENEVER YOU'RE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. GOOD AFTERNOON.
F. Opper

Love, Home and Table Topics By Clever Writers — **Daily Home Magazine Page** — *A Good Page to Read in the Leisure Hour*

Household Suggestions

Fresh grease spots may often be entirely removed by a melting process. Place pieces of white blotting paper over and under the spot and press with a warm iron. If the fabric is such that the heat will affect the color, cold absorption, with French chalk as the absorbent, can be used. Pulverize the chalk, cover the spot thickly with it, and allow it to stand for several hours. Then brush off with a soft brush. If necessary, apply it a second time. In case of large grease spots of long standing it is best to use a solvent of grease, such as alcohol chloroform, ether, benzine or naphtha. Benzine and naphtha are the best for woollens, while ether and chloroform are best for silk and may be used on the most delicate fabrics. A thick piece of sateen is a good article with which to apply these solvents, as it does not become linty. If grease is spilled on the floor throw cold water on it immediately. It will harden the grease so that the wood will not soak in so much of it, and it will then be a comparatively easy matter to clean the floor.

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To remove marking ink stains from linen, peel and slice two average sized onions; extract the juice by pounding and squeezing. Cut up half an ounce of white soap and mix with the onion juice, two ounces of fuller's earth, and half a pint of vinegar. Stir this mixture till it boils. When cool lay the marked linen in the sunshine, spread the mixture over it, and let it dry. Afterward wash and boil the linen, and the mark will have disappeared.

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When blankets have become thin and unsightly from long use, do not discard them as useless. Wash them, put two or three together, and cover with sateen to make quilts. Button down here and there, mattress fashion, to keep them flat, and finish the quilt off with a nice frill of sateen.

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Before using table oilcloth, paste at each corner on the wrong side a square of cotton. This prevents the corners from wearing out as soon as they otherwise would.

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To remove paint from clothes, saturate the spots two or three times with equal parts of ammonia and turpentine, and then wash out in soapsuds.

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After a cane chair has had much use the seat will begin to sag, and a simple and easy way to tighten the cane is merely to wash it with very hot water and leave it to dry.

Little Bobbie's Pa

By William F. Kirk

Pa caim hoam kind of erly to dinner last nite, he had a frend with him, Mister White, Wife, he sed to Ma, you must meet my old Wyoming pal, Mister White, Ed White, of Wyoming, sed Pa, the finest old scout that evver rounded up a bunch of cattel.

I am pleesed to meet Mister White, sed Ma.

& well you may be, sed Pa, pleesed & declited. It isnt every day you can meet a gent with a hart of pure gold, sed Pa.

That is vary true, sed Ma. Is this yure first visit to our city, Mister White?

My first & my last, sed Mister White. If I haddent met up with his old sport, he sed, I wud be on my way back West now.

I think the town will grow on you, sed Ma.

Not on me it won't, sed Mister White. Talk about your sky scrapers, he sed, thare isent a bilding here that holds up its hed as high as the peepul do. I asked six different men to join me in a littel soshubel drink, he sed, and thay all looked at me and then at thare watches and scarf-pine. I ain't a yegg, he sed. Then Mister White beegan to cry.

Ma looked kind of funny, she nevver saw a gent cry beefear and she dident know what to do.

Brace up old sport, sed Pa, times is getting better all the time and wen I git munny enuff I am going to buy a ranch and move out neer you.

Stick to me, pal, sed Mister White, doant desert me.

I won't, sed Pa. Now let me help you off with yure coat. We are going to have dinner presently.

Yes indeed, sed Ma, she was looking at Pa kind of hard but she sed Yes, indeed we are going to have dinner. How do you like our city, what you have seen of it? she asked him.

I have seen too much of it, sed Pa's frend. Jest think, a city of four milyun peepul and not a frendly smile in it, excep here, of course. What a town, what a town!

I presume you knew my husband quit well in the old Western days, sed Ma.

Yes, sed Mister White, he used to call on my sister. Ha ha, he sed I can see the deer old gurl now, waiting at the window.

Indeed, sed Ma.

Indeed, sed Mister White. We used to call this old sport here. The Last Chance, he toal Ma, and after all he ran away and married you, the sly dog. Ha Ha.

Ha Ha, sed Ma, tell me moar about yure sister.

I will if your husband will stop stepping on my foot, sed Mister White.

Mister White dident stay vary long, I guess he thought Ma dident like him, and I guess he cud think pritty good, eeven if he was kind of mixed up.

After he was gone Ma was still quite a while and then she sed "We live and lern."

The Wedding Ring

There are several theories as to the origin of the wedding ring. Here is one of them: Before the time of mints and coinage the gold money of Egypt was made in the form of a ring, usually worn on the finger as a convenient method of carrying and safe keeping. The men and women therefore had all their gold or wealth made into rings, and for the majority of people these rings were no larger than the plain gold bands of today. Thus, when the groom placed the ring on the bride's finger he meant exactly what the modern service makes him say—he did acually endow his bride with all his worldly goods.

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Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	$600 B.
Chartered	£59 10s.
Russo-Asiatic	R. 250
Cathay, ordy	Tls. 5
Cathay, pref	Tls. 5
Marine Insurances	
Canton	Tls. 375
North China	Tls. 152½
Union of Canton	$945.
Yangtsze	$267½
Fire Insurances	
China Fire	$155
Hongkong Fire	$367½
Shipping	
Indo-China Fire	Tls. 128
Indo-China Del.	
"Shell"	1068.
Shanghai Tug (o)	Tls. 48½
Shanghai Tug (f)	Tls. 50
Kochien	Tls. 55
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 9.60
Oriental Cons.	298.
Philippine	Tls. L.
Raub	$2.40 S.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	$125½ B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 57
New Eng. Works	Tls. 12
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 83
Hongkong Wharf	Tls. 86 B.
Lands and Hotels	
Anglo-French Land	Tls. 87
China Land	Tls. 80
Shanghai Land	Tls. 85 S.
Weihaiwei Land	Tls. 5.
Central Stores	$8½
China Realty (ord.)	Tls. 50.
China Realty (pref.)	Tls. 50.
Cotton Mills	
E-wo	Tls. 158½
E-wo Pref.	Tls. 105
International	Tls. 72
International Pref.	Tls. 68
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 80
Oriental	Tls. 44
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. 116
Kung Yik	Tls. 14.10
Yangtszepoo	Tls. 6½
Yangtszepoo Pref.	Tls. 101
Industrials	
Butler Tile	Tls. 23
China Sugar	$126½ S.
Green Island	$11.40 B.
Langkats	Tls. 20½
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
Shanghai Sumatra	Tls. 165
Stores	
Hall and Holtz	$16
Llewellyn	
Lane, Crawford	$92½ B.
Moutrie	$80
Watson	$83¾ B.
Weeks	$18
Rubbers (Local)	
Alma	Tls. 11 B.
Amherst	
Anglo-Java	Tls. 10½
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 5½
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 38
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 1.60
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 4½ B.
Bute	Tls. 1.70
Chemor United	Tls. 1½
Chempedak	Tls. 10½
Cheng	Tls. 2¾ B.
Consolidated	Tls. 3 B.
Dominion	Tls. 11¼
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 7¼
Java Consolidated	Tls. 18 B.
Kamunting	Tls. 6
Kapala	Tls. 1.10.
Kapayang	Tls. 30
Karan	Tls. 16
Kota Bahroes	Tls. 10¾
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 20½
Padang	Tls. 16.20
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 10
Permata	Tls. 4½
Repah	Tls. 1.20 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 1 Sa.
Seekee	Tls. 7½
Semambu	Tls. 1.60
Senawang	Tls. 15½
Shanghai Klebang	Tls. 1.20
Shanghai Malay	Tls. 8
S'hai Malay-pref	Tls. 13
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 1.80
Sungala	Tls. 1.60
Sungei Duri	Tls. 11¾
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S'hai Kalantan	Tls. 1.30
Shanghai Seremban	Tls. 1
Taiping	Tls. 2½
Tanah Merah	Tls. 1 Sa.
Tebong	Tls. 20
Ulobri	Tls. 1¾ B.
Ziangbe	Tls. 5½ B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. and E. Lumber	Tls. 110
Culty Dairy	Tls. 10
S'hai Elec. and Asb.	$2
Shanghai Trams	Tls. 75 B.
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Tendency of Market: Quiet.
Last Quotation, London, Feb. 12:—
Spot: 3s. 4⅝d. to 3s. 3¾d. paid.
April to June: 3s. 5d. to 3s. 3¾d. paid.
Tendency of Market: Irregular.
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London Silver Market

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London, February 13.—Today's prices for Bar Silver were:—
Bar Silver Spot: 38⅞d.
Scanty supplies: Firm.
Last Quotation, London Feb. 12:—
Spot: 38⅞d.
Competitive, buying Firm.

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London, February 13.—Today's rates, prices and deliveries were:—
Consols 2½% for account..£ 51⅝
Cheques on London at Paris Fr. 27.80
T.T. on London at New York G. $ 4.76½
Bar Silver (Spot) ..... 38⅞d.
Bank of England Rate of Discount 5½%
Market rate of Discount... 5½%
Cotton; Egyptian F. G. F... 21.70d.
Cotton; M. G. Fine Scinde and Bengal ..... 8.50d.
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Bar Silver	—
Copper Cash	1835
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Buying rate @ 3/7¾ = Tls.	5.48
Exch. @ 71.9 = Mex. $	7.62
Peking Bar	368
Native Interest	.04

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver	38¼d.
Bank Rate of Discount	5½%
Market rate of discount:—	
3 m-s.	%
4 m-s.	%
6 m-s.	%
Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d-s.	
Ex., Paris on London ....Fr.	27.80
Ex., N. Y. on London T.T. $	476⅛
Consols	£ —

Exchange Closing Quotations

London	T.T.	3-8
London	Demand	3-8⅛
India	(nominal) T.T.	266½
Paris	T.T.	509½
Paris	Demand	510
New York	T.T.	87¼
New York	Demand	87⅝
Hongkong	T.T.	66
Japan	T.T.	58⅜
Batavia	T.T.	313½

Banks Buying Rates

London..nominal 4 m-s. Cdts.		3-9⅛
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London..nominal 6 m-s. Cdts.		3-9⅜
London.nominal 6 m-s. Docy.		3-9⅜
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New York	....nominal 4 m-s.	90⅝

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Hk. Tls.	1 = Francs	5.59
" "	1 = Marks	†4.57
Gold	$1 = Hk. Tls.	1.05
Hk. Tls.	1 = Yen	1.87
" "	1 = Rupees	3.02
" "	1 = Rouble	3.44
" "	1 = Mex.	$1.56

† Nominal.

Stock Exchange
Transactions

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS
Shanghai, February 15, 1917.
Official
Samagagas Tls. 1.00
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Transactions

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Shanghai, February 15, 1917.
Official
Tanah Merahs Tls. 1.00 February
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U. K. METAL MARKET

Reuter's Service

London, February 13.—Today's metal prices were:—

	£	s.	d.
Standard Copper G. M. B. f. o. b.	138	0	0
American Electrolytic 99 90% Copper f. o. b.	147	0	0
Lead L. B. c. i. b. per ton.	Nominal.		
Soft lead "Spanish" f. o. b.	30	0	0
Quicksilver, Second hand Ex Warehouse f. o. b. (1s. Extra in flask)	20	0	0
Tinplates, I. C. W. 20/24 100 lbs. 112 Sheets per Case tin lined Cases without Hoops f. o. b. Wales	Nominal.	0	31 0
Muntz Metal, f. o. b. London or Liverpool (less ½%)	Nominal.	16¾	d.
Standard Tin (Cash)	199	10	0
Spelter (ordy soft) f. o. b.	52	5	0
Galvanized Sheets 24 Gauge f. o. b.	26	5	0
Standard Tin (3 Months)	199	5	0

Freight and Coal Market

Messrs. Wheelock and Co. write as follows in their fortnightly market report:—

There is no change to report in our Homeward Freight market as regards the quantity of cargo or tonnage offering to either Europe or America but the advance of 25% in rates via the Pacific, predicted in our last, is definitely decided upon to take effect from March 1, 1917 and there are rumors that the New York via Panama rates may also be raised shortly by 10%.

Coastwise:—Since last writing the number of enquires has increased—the tone of the market is distinctly "healthier" and owners are already hardening rates, coalfreights from Japan in particular show an improvement. The severe weather up North is interfering somewhat with shipping.

For London etc.:—The only boats advertised are the s.s. Hitachi Maru for London sailing 25th inst., and s.s. Iyo Maru on March 4.

For New York via Panama:—So far there is no vessel advertised to take this berth but an N.Y.K. boat is expected to load in March.

Coast Rates

South Japan Coal Ports:
To Shanghai $4.00 fixed.
To Ilollo $16.00 fixed.
To Hongkong $8.50 fixed.
To Singapore Y. 20.00 nominal.
Wuhu, Chinkiang:
To Canton 47 cands. liner terms. firm.
Wuhu:
To Swatow 45 cands. liner terms.
Saigon:
To Hongkong, rice 0.55 per picul last.
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Dalny:
To Canton 80 cents nominal.

Japan Coal:—There is not much change to report in this market since last writing;—Native dealers are only operating in a very "hand-to-mouth" fashion and will only buy for immediate requirements whilst the market in Japan keeps steady and shows no sign of any decline—this, added to the high freights ruling, gives our local market a much stronger tendency.

Some of the large consumers who have not as yet contracted for this year's supplies must expect to pay higher prices than those who had the foresight to make contracts at the end of last year.

At Hankow a regular coal-famine is in progress; owing to the very low water in the rivers and creeks and the extremely severe winter we have been having, boat and railway traffic has been seriously interfered with and consequently a considerable stock has had to be trans-shipped from Shanghai.

Fushun Coal:—We regret to have to report another explosion at these mines, accompanied by serious loss of life to a resuce-party, which will still further postpone the re-opening of the mine and arrivals will therefore be still further delayed.

Kaiping Coal:—The market shows a firmer tendency and the influence of the increasing freight rates is bound to be felt. Deliveries are improving but owing to the Ice conditions in the Gulf of Pechili shipments are delayed and consequently stocks are very short.

Coal Quotations

Japan Coal:—

	ex Wharf Tls.
K'shima Lump	10.50
Kishima Dust	No Stock. 8.50
Miike Lump...	Contracted for —
Miike Small ..	Contracted for —
Miike Dust	Contracted for —
Arate Lump	9.50
Shimoyamada Unscreened ...	9.20
Shin Shakano	9.00
Yoshinotani No. 1 Lump....	10.00
Yoshinotani No. 2 Lump....	9.50

Kaiping Coal:—

	per ton ex wharf Tls
Navy Lump	12.50
Loco Lump	11.00
Linsi Lump	8.50
Washed Nuts	10.25
Washed Slack	9.00
No. 5 Dust	8.75
No. 1 Slack	8.50
No 2 Dust	8.25

Manchuria Coal:—

	Tls.
Fu-shun Unscreened ex godown ..... non for sale	9.50
Fu-Shun Dust	9.00
Fu-Shun Lump .....no stock.	—

Coal arrivals during the fortnight from January 30 to February 12 totalled 63,265 tons.

ASTOR HOUSE HOTEL,
TIENTSIN.

Cable Address:
ASTOR.

The leading Hotel in Tientsin. Delightfully situated, facing Victoria Park, and located in the Centre of the Town's Life and Business.

Spacious and Luxurious Dining and Reception Rooms.

Comfortable Bedrooms with Bath; Double, Single or En Suite.

First-Class Cuisine and Selected Cellar, under Foreign Supervision.

Central Heating, Electric Light, Modern Sanitary Arrangements.

Hotel Motor-Omnibus and Porters meet all Trains and Boats.

THE MANAGEMENT.

Hongkong Share Market

Hongkong, February 9.—Messrs. Moxon and Taylor report as follows:—

The week under review has been characterised by utter dullness, the volume of business transacted being on quite a small scale.

Although money is a little easier in Hongkong, Shanghai, as far as one can judge from written advices, is still as hard up as ever, and no particular ease in the money market seems to be expected for some little time. Shanghai for this reason has been a very dull market, and little or no dealings with that Port have to be recorded.

Banks.—Hongkong banks at $720 are quiet with nothing doing.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have come to business at $900 wails. Cantons at $3.5, North Chinas at Tls. 150, and Yangtszes at $205 are all quoted nominally as last week's rates.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires have changed hands at $367½ and China Fires could probably be placed at $155 to a small extent.

Shipping.—Douglases are still on the weak side, business having been transacted at $114½, closing with further sellers at the rate. Deferred Leases have come to business at $129, closing with rather more sellers than buyers. Preferred Indos at $41½ are unchanged. Star Ferries have firmed to a buying rate of $85, probably a little more was the business. Steamboats have been done at $20½.

Reinsures.—China Sugars after business at $126½ are now offering at $125. Canabons could be placed at $80 c. a. f. This Company's Annual Report for 1916 has just been received from Manila, the chief items of which are as follows:—

The results of the trading for the year have been gratifying. It is recognised however, that profits earned are abnormal, attributable in great part to the war, in the West producing countries of Europe. With this in view special provisions have been made in the accounts as follows:—

(a.) For the renewals of the roofs of three large godowns in bad conditions, the work being already contracted for, a reserve of	P 30,000.00
(b.) For the writing down of Buildings and Plant, Depreciation at the following rates viz.:— 10% on Book values of Buildings, 20% on Book value of the Original Machinery, and 10% on Cost of New Machinery.	
(c.) For Bad Debts a Reserve of	5,000.00
(d.) For the extinction of the whole of the Preliminary Expenses incidental to the formation of the Co.	4,136.83
After providing for the whole of the above items there remains a balance at the credit of Profit and Loss of	P 148,864.29
(a.) In the payment of a dividend of Ps. 5 per share to the Shareholders on record as at the close of business on January 31, 1917	P 70,000.00
(b.) Reserve for General Purposes	30,000.00
	100,000.00
Leaving to be carried forward	P 48,864.29

Oils and Mining.—Langkats have ranged hands at Tls. 20 and Tls. 21 for cash. Raubs are offering at $2.40. Tronohs at 31/6, Shells at 106/-, and Ural Caspians at 32/9 are quoted at last week's rates.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves fell away slightly in the beginning of the week but have since recovered to a buying rate of $86 with a fair business done at $90 for March, market closing firmer. Hongkong Docks have reached to a buying quotation of $125½ for cash. Shanghai Docks are offering at Tls. 85.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Centrals at $95, Hongkong Lands at $91½, and Hongkong Hotels at $112 could probably be placed at quotation. Humphreys are wanted at $7. West Points are offering at $73 whilst Kowloon Lands at $35 seek buyers with no business resulting.

Cotton Mills.—Owing to the dull state of the Shanghai market the following quotations are nominal:—Ewos Tls. 145, Kung Yiks Tls. 13½, Yangtszepoos Tls. 5½, Shanghai Cottons Tls. 115.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Electrics could probably be placed at $49 and China Lights at $4.70. Hongkong Trams have small buyers at $7.20.

Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd. The following is an approximate statement of the traffic receipts for the week ending February 3, 1917.

	Receipts for week	Aggregate Receipts 5 weeks
This year	$13,428	$69,098
Last year	15,982	60,211
Increase	—	8,887
Decrease	2,554	—

Miscellaneous.—China Borneos are offering at $8. China Providents have come to business at $8.90 and Wm. Powells after offering at $6 are now slightly firmer at the rate. Waterboats are wanted at Tls. 15½ ex-dividend. Dairy Farms at $25 offering at quotations. Cements have weakened slightly to a buying rate of $11.40 with sellers holding out for $11½.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Tls. 14,000 Modern five-roomed house, kitchen and pantry tiled and completely furnished. Bathrooms contain porcelain tubs, lavatories and flush closets. House is in first-class condition and in attractive surroundings.

Tls. 16,500 House and lot near the French Park. The house contains dining room, living room, hall, four bedrooms, kitchen, pantry, cupboards, clothes closets, two bathrooms, two servants' rooms. Lot about 1.5 mow; garden and tennis.

Tls. 20,000 House on two mow of land near French Park. House contains dining room, living room, hall, pantry and kitchen, six bedrooms, three bathrooms servants' rooms, hot water service, flush closet, septic tank, etc. Lot about 2 mow; garden and tennis.

Tls. 25,000 Modern 9-roomed house on Route Vallon, hot water, kitchen and pantry tiled and completely furnished, perfect bathrooms with porcelain tubs, lavatories, flush closets, medicine chests, and clothes closets. Bedrooms face south, light, cheerful, with built-in closets. Garden, tennis. Part cash and part on time, if desired.

Tls. 70,000 A beautiful spacious residence on 10 mow of land on Avenue Joffre. Full particulars will be given to anyone interested.

Raven Trust Company, Ltd.
38 Kiangse Rd.—Tel. 60.

MISS STINSON MAKES TRIP TO KIANGWAN

Girl Flyer Declares She Is Delighted; Talks on Aviation Dangers

Miss Katherine Stinson, the young aviatrice who will fly tomorrow and Sunday, visited Kiangwan yesterday to examine the flying field. She expressed herself as delighted with it.

The newspaper reporters asked Miss Stinson regarding the dangers of aviation. The young lady replied that "danger creates interest. Remove danger from the flying game and it would lose its chief significance. Yet some day an apparatus will be invented that will act faster than men can think and then it will be possible to remove some of the dangers of aviation. While aviation has made tremendous progress in the last few years it is still in its infancy, but without doubt some day the aeroplane will be a great factor as a transportation medium and largely benencial to humanity."

The management requests the people to start for Kiangwan as early as possible tomorrow in order to avoid the rush. Trains will be running to the grounds commencing at 12 o'clock noon.

Vessels To Arrive

From London, etc.	Sailed	*Due
Cardiganshire	Dec. 15	Feb. 16
Fushimi Maru	Jan. 13	Mar. 10
Glengyle		Feb. 26
Kitano Maru		Feb. 23
From Vancouver, etc.		
Empress of Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 27
Monteagle		Mar. 31
From New York		
Bolton Castle	Nov. 30	Mar. 4
City of Corinth	Nov. 4	Feb. 16
Lowther Castle	Nov. 15	Feb. 20
Tokiwa Maru	Nov. 18	Feb. 20
From San Francisco, etc.		
Ecuador		Mar. 12
Nippon Maru	Feb. 9	Mar. 7
Shinyo Maru		Mar. 17
Tenyo Maru	Jan. 26	Feb. 19
From Gothenburg		
Panama		Feb. 28
From Tacoma		
Mexico Maru		Mar. 12
From Seattle		
Shidzuoka Maru		Mar. 14

Singapore Rubber Market

Messrs. R. N. Truman and Co., have received the following Cable from Singapore, regarding the rubber auction held on February 14.

No. 1 Smoked Sheet $154 per picul equivalent to 2s. 11¾d. in London.

No. 1 Crepe $155 per picul equivalent to 2s. 0d. in Lohdon.

Little inquiry for low grade, otherwise market strong throughout, closed at best. Offered 562 tons, sold 301 tons.

Shanghai Tramways

The following is the Traffic Return of the Shanghai Tramways (Foreign Settlement) for the week ended February 14, 1917, with figures for the corresponding week last year:—

	1917	1916
Gross Receipts	$30,330.00	$ 8,588.59
Loss by currency depreciation	6,881.39	7,582.10
Effective Receipts	$23,448.61	$21,006.49
Percentage of loss by currency depreciation	24.09	28.06
Car miles run	76,113	67,521
Passengers carried	1,354,296	1,249,113

LANGKAT DAILY OUTPUT

The following telegraphic information has been received by the general agent from the Sumatra director and manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn-Bosch-en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat:

"The output of crude oil for February 14 was 87 tons."

News Brevities

A meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society will be held in the Lecture Hall, 5 Museum Road, on Thursday, February 22, at 5.30 p.m., when a Lantern Lecture will be given by Mrs. Ayscough, on "Shrines of history," and "Peak of the East, T'ai Shan." The lantern slides have been prepared by Mr. J. C. Carter. The meeting will be open to the public.

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One of the most sensational films ever presented to a Shanghai audience is to be shown tonight at the Apollo Theater, namely "Lilian's Atonement," in five parts. Other interesting pictures, including war gazettes, will also be screened.

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The Victoria Theater announces that, commencing tonight, a magnificent film, in four parts, entitled "The Victoria Cross," will be screened. The picture is described as a heart-gripping story of soldier heroism.

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In the British Supreme Court yesterday before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez the case of Wang Shao-nao against Holland and Moss, Ltd., adjourned from Thursday last, was called. Mr. E. W. Gourley, counsel for the plaintiff, informed the court that he had filed a petition for the winding up of the defendant company, and he now asked for an order that the case should stand over generally until the hearing of the petition. His Lordship assented, and also made an order that the injunction already granted be extended until the petition is heard. Mr. K. N. Macleod appeared for the defendants.

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The following appears in the London Gazette of 11th inst. "Temp. Lieut. H. S. Openshaw, R. Surrey Rifles, awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action. He rendered most valuable assistance in the organisation and digging of new trenches. On two occasions he voluntarily took out patrols to get into touch with our lines under intense fire." Lieut. H. S. Openshaw was with Messrs. Gaddum, Anderson and Co.'s office in Shanghai and Tientsin, prior to the war, at the outbreak of which he returned to London to join up and has been in France for more than twelve months. He has a brother now serving at the front somewhere in France who was in the same company's office in Hongkong.

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Brigadier-General R. N. Bray, formerly Commandant of the S. V. C., has been awarded the D. S. O. All Shanghai we feel sure will join us in extending congratulations to Gen. Bray.

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Mr. H. S. Leonard, Vice-President of Winchester Small Arms Co., is a guest at the Palace Hotel. He is returning to America from a tour through Russia.

PICKED UP JAPANESE CREW

Norwegian Captain Saved Captain And Forty Men Off Chinto Maru

Galveston, Texas, February 5.—The captain of the Norwegian steamship Agereon, which has arrived here from Gibraltar, reports that on January 5 he picked up the captain and forty of the crew of the Japanese steamer Chinto Maru, which had been sunk by a submarine the day before.

Siccawe. Weather Report

14.—Cloudy, but still fine warm weather in China, where S. to E. breezes are prevailing; the anticyclone has shifted to the Eastward and covers the Yellow and Eastern Seas. A depression is developing in the Yangtze Valley.

15.—Gloomy weather; some rain at about 7 a.m. Barometers considerably falling. S.E. breezes.

Thursday, February 15, 1917.

WEATHER.	4 a.m	9 a.m
Bar. at Centg., mm	765 5	764.72
" " inches	30.13	30.11
Variation mm. for 24 h	-7.07	†8.28
Variation mm. for 12 h	†2.97	†3.61
Wind Direction	SSE	SSE
Wind Kilom per hour	17	13
Wind Miles	1 6	8.1
Temperature Cen	6.91	9.04
Temperature Fahr.	4.87	4.89
Humidity co	77	71
Nebulosity 5-10	10	10
Rainfall mm.	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—

Chinese and Foreign Banking Announcements

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

Capital	£1,200,000
Reserve Fund	1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	1,200,000

Head Office:
38 Bishopsgate, London, E. C.

Court of Directors:
Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, Chairman.
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K.C.I.E.
T. Cuthbertson, Esq.
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W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

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The London City & Midland Bank, Limited.
The London County & Westminster Bank, Limited.
The National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.
The National Bank of Scotland, Limited.

Agencies and Branches:

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Bangkok	Ipoh	Rangoon
Batavia	Karachi	Saigon
Bombay	Klang	Seremban
Calcutta	Kobe	Singapore
Canton	Kuala-Lumpur	Shanghai
Cebu	Madras	Sourabaya
Colombo	Malacca	Taiping
Delhi	Manila	(F. M. S.)
Foochow	Medan	Tavoy (Lower
Haiphong	New York	Burma)
Hankow	Peking	Tientsin
Hongkong	Penang	Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund.

Drafts granted on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought and received for Collection. Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

W. B. SUTHERLAND,
Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital	Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves	Frs. 48,000,000.00

Succursales et Agences:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Saigon
Battambang	Hongkong	Shanghai
Canton	Mengtze	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Dondichery	Peking	Tourane
Haiphong	Papeete	
Hankoou	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Pari et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.
In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

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L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique
Societe Anonyme

Paid-up Capital ..... Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.
London office: 2 Bishopsgate.
Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt), and Rotterdam

President:
JEAN JADOT
Gouvernor Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:
London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.
Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.
Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.
Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisienne, Societe Anonyme.
Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.
New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Taels and fixed deposits according to arrangements.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

W. A. HOEHN,
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital	$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—	
Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s.	$15,000,000
Silver	18,000,000
	$33,000,000
Reserve liability of Proprietors	$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG

Court of Directors:
W. L. Pattenden, Esq., Chairman.
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Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.

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London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12, The Bund.
Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN.
Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	24,600,000
	Kpg. Tls.
Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government	3,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,743,000

Head office: Petrograd.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
London Office: 64, Old Broad St., E.C.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
Paris: Societe General pour favoriser le Development de Commerce et de l'Industrie en France. Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Gerenale pour favoriser le Development du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Far Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay	Hailan	Peking
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Chanchun	Harbin	Tientsin
(Kwan chendze)	Hongkong	Tsingtau
	Newchwang	Vladivostock
Chefoo	Nicolayowsk	Yokohama
Dalny	(Dairen o-A	

85 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Account and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special acilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal ities of the world bought and sold.

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J. JEZIERSKI,
Q. CARRERE,
Managers for China and Japan

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

9, Ningpo Road.

Paid-Pp Capital	$ 300,000.00
Reserves	$ 10,000.00
Deposits (Dec. 31, 1916)	$1,400,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a speciality.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current account in both taels and dollars with interest, may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both taels and dollors, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

The Bank of China.

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000
Paid-up Capital	$10,000,000

Head Office: Peking.

Branches and Agencies:
Peking, Tientsin, Newchang, Mukden, Changchun, Harbin, Dairen, Tsinan, Tsingtau, Kaifung, Hankow, Ichang, Shanshi, Wuhu, Yangchow, Chinkiang, Nanking, Shanghai, Hangchow, Ningpo, Foochow, Canton, Nanchang, Taiyuen, etc., etc.

SHANGHAI BRANCH,
3 Hankow Road.

Loans granted on approved securities, Local bills discounted. Interests allowed on Current Deposit Account in Taels at the rate of 2 per cent per annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months a the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN-CHANG.
Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Saving Bank Office:
12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1, or over $100, will be received at one time.

Not more than $1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of $5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Taels, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital	Francs 45,000,000

One-third of the Capital, i. e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President, Andre Berthelot.
General Manager, A. J. Pernotte.

Head Office
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.
Branches in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai
BANKERS:
In France: Societe Generale pour le Development du Commerce et du l'Industrie en France.
In London: London, County and Westminser Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

G. LION,
Manager.
1, French Bund, Shanghai.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited

(*Established* 1880.)

Head Office: Yokohama, Japan.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up	„ 30,000,000
Reserve Fund	„ 20,800,000

London Bankers:
Union of London & Smith's Bank, The London Joint Stock Bank, Parr's Bank, Ltd.

Branches and Agencies:

Antunghsin	London	Port Arthur
Bombay	Liaoyang	S. Francisco
Calcutta	Los Angeles	Singapore
Changchun	Lyons	Sydney
Dalny	Mukden	Sinanfu
Hankow	Nagasaki	Tiehling
Harbin	Newchwang	Tientsin
Hongkong	New York	Tokio
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K. KODAMA, Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Head Office:
National City Bank Building
60 Wall Street, New York

London Office:
36 Bishopsgate, E. C.

Capital paid-up...	U.S. $3,250,000.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits	3,931,774.11
	U.S. $7,181,774.11

Branches at:

Bombay	Hongkong	Singapore
Calcutta	Kobe	S. Francisco
Canton	London	Tientsin
Cebu	Manila	Yokohama
Colon (P.C.Z.)	Medellin	Peking
Hankow	Panama	Shanghai

Through its close affiliation with THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, the Corporation is able to offer the special service of the Branches of that Institution in Cuba and South America:—BUENOS AYRES, HABANA, MONTEVIDEO, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, SANTOS, SAO PAULO, VALPARAISO, BAHIA-BRAZIL.

The Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange business, issues Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit and Travellers' Cheques, available in the United States of America and in all other parts of the world, and receives money on CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSIT upon terms which can be ascertained on application.

H. C. GULLAND,
Manager.
1a. Kiukiang Road, SHANGHAI.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij

(Netherland Trading Society.)

Established 1824.
Paid-up Capital—
Guilds 55,000,000 (about £4,583,333)
Reserve Fund—
Guilds 9,925,431 (about £827,120)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM.

Bankers:

Banjermasin	Padang	Soerokarta
Bandoeng	Palembang	Tandjong Balei
Cheribon	Pekalongan	Tebin-Tinggi
Dejember	Penang	Tegal
Djokjakarta	Pontianak	Telok-Betong
Hongkong	Rangoon	Tjilatjap
Kota-Radja	Semarang	Weltevreden
Makassar	Singapore	
Medan	Soerabaya	

London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells, and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents, and transacts banking business of every description.

Current accounts kept in taels and dollars.

Shanghai Interest Allowed on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNBERG.
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital	Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital	Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits:
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4 % per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital	H.	$2,000,000
Subscribed and Paid-up Capital	H.	$1,357,850
Reserve Fund	H.	$70,000

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Shanghai Office: 2, Ningpo Road.

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For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

JUKUUN,
Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital	£1,500,000
Subscribed Capital	1,125,000
Paid-up Capital	562,500
Reserve Fund	550,000

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Calcutta	Kandy	Penang
Colombo	Karachi	Port Louis
Delhi	Kota Bahru	(Mauritius)
Galle	(Kelantan)	Rangoon
Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
	Singapore.	

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C. T. BEATH,
Acting Manager.
7 Nanking Road.
9752

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Reserves	Yen 1,470,000
Deposits	Yen 120,000,000

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Head Office: OSAKA.

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Manager.

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Sailed from Shanghai

For London, etc.	
Atsuta Maru	Feb. 13
Carmarthenshire	Jan. 22
Gleniffer	Dec. 21
Kamo Maru	Dec. 24
Kashima Maru	Dec. 31
Kioto	Jan. 13
Mishima Maru	Jan. 9
Nankin**	Dec. 12
Novara**	Dec. 24
Somali	Jan. 13
Suwa Maru	Jan. 29
For Marseilles, etc.	
Armand Behic	Jan. 19
Athos	Jan. 2
Gemini	Feb. 8
Porthos	Feb. 3
For Vancouver, etc.	
Empress of Japan	Jan. 13
Monteagle	Feb. 13
For New York	
Egremont Castle	Nov. 20
Eurymedon	Dec. 23
Toyooka Maru	Feb. 1
Tsushima Maru	Dec. 12
For San Francisco, etc.	
Nippon Maru	Jan. 14
Persia Maru	Feb. 3
Shinyo Maru	Jan. 19
For Seattle	
Hawaii Maru	Jan. 18
For Tacoma	
Canada Maru	Feb. 7
Manila Maru	Dec. 14
Mexico Maru	Jan. 7

**With English Mail.

Tagore Sees New Movement Of Imperialism In America

But It Is Not a Dangerous Trend---It May Be A Force For a World Peace, He Believes

Tokio, February 5.—Bound for his native land after a year's absence, Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet and philosopher, reached Japan yesterday on the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Siberia Maru. He has just returned from America, where he delivered a series of lectures from coast to coast. With Japanese and Indian friends vieing with each other in extending greetings when they boarded the vessel, Sir Rabindranath had little time to discuss his American trip before a reporter.

He did say, however, that he believed America was on the road to Imperialism. This is a result of the world war, the preparedness doctrine and the general awakening to outside things which the Indian sage says he observed even in the most provincial sections of provincial America. But he does not believe that the trend is a dangerous one; that it will ever bring about anything approaching a spirit of conquest. It is simply a departure from the old idea of isolation and instead of leading to any chauvinistic principles will make for that Utopia which the poet believes is yet attainable—world peace.

There is a new nationalism in America, Tagore explained. Curiously, the nation which has always been acused of thinking only in terms of materialism has not been made more materialistic by her great war-time prosperity, according to the poet. Instead, she is undergoing the processes of a new thought which looks to greater and higher things.

"And," Sir Rabindranath concluded as he moved to greet a newly arrived friend, "America is destined to be the meeting place of the East and the West."

Tagore is only stopping in Japan en route to India. He will leave this morning for Kyoto for a short stay, proceeding from there to Kobe, from where he will sail Tuesday. He will be accompaned to Kyoto and Kobe by M. and Mme. Paul Richard, now visiting in Tokio, who are his guests during his stay in Japan.

Vessels In Harbor And At Woosung

Arrived	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Nov 14	Hankow	Albenga	2769	Ger.	Carlowitz	YWGW
Aug 4	Hongkong	Bohemia	4282	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B VII
Feb 9	Manila	Bayard	1006	Nor.	Robert	D. 16.
Feb 14		Bessie Dollar	2898	Br.	R. Dollar	CKPW
Aug 5	Hongkong	China	3868	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B XIII
Feb 13	Hongkong	Chiyuen	1201	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KLYW
Aug 8	Hongkong	D. Rickmers	2651	Ger.	H. D. & Co	USA
Dec 27	Nanking	Fortuna	182	Ger.	H. D. & Co	10 p
Jan 12	Hongkong	Glenturret	4696	Br.	Glen Line	YTPDW
Jan 6	Foochow	Hsinming	1428	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co	KLYW
Jan 20	Foochow	Hsinchi	1385	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYB
Feb 12	Swatow	Holbow	896	Br.	B. & S.	WTW
Feb 3		Hunglee	602	Chi.	Tuck Wo	CKPW
Feb 14	Hongkong	Hyson	6603	Br.	B. & S.	
Feb 11	Hankow	Javary	782	Am.	B. A. T.	BI
May 23	Hankow	Kiuling	2511	Br.	B. & S.	Int. D
Feb 6	Ningpo	Kiangteen	2012	Chi.	C.M.S.N Co.	Int. D.
Nov 18	Hankow	Lienhua	366	Br.	J. M. & Co	9 p
July 16	Hankow	Meidah	1682	Ger.	Melchers	NGLB1
July 30	Hankow	Mellee	1682	Ger.	Melcher	NGLB 1
Feb 14	Japan	Myogisan maru	1741	Jap.	M.S.B. K.	MBKW
Feb 13	Hankow	Melan	2241	Am.	S. Oil Co.	SOCW
Jan 21	Wenchow	Poochi	631	Chi.	C.M.S.N Co.	YKDW
Feb 14	Vladivostock	Penza	2679	Rus.	R. V. F.	9 p
Feb 5	Hankow	Siangyang maru	2225	Jap.	N.K.K.	NYKW
July 30	Tsingtao	Sikiang	1840	Ger.	H. A. L.	9 p
July 30	Hongkong	Silesia	3318	Aus.	Aus. Lloyd	B IX
Feb 13	Hankow	Tahung maru	1 75	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW
Jan 15	Hankow	Tungwah	746	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.	KND
Feb 3	Liverpool	Telamon	4509	Br.	B. & S.	YTPD
Feb 9	Hankow	Tehhsing	937	Br.	Geddes & Co.	9 p
Feb 11	Chinwangtao	Toonan	842	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	TKDLW
Feb 5	Hongkong	Yusang	1223	Br.	J. M. & Co.	YTPD
Feb 14	Japan	Yawata maru	3895	Jap.	N. Y. K.	NYKW
Feb 14	Hongkong	Yingchow	1992	Br.	B. & S.	CNPW
Feb 14	Japan	Yeiko maru	1966	Jap.		WSW

Provision Prices in Local Markets

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkew market, as compiled on February 17, 1917.

Butcher's Meat		
Beef	per lb.	14-20
Mutton	„	16-20
Pork	„	25-30
Veal	„	25-30
Fish		
Bream	per lb.	14-16
Cod	„	14-16
Mandarin	„	20-30
Mackerel	„	20-25
Pomfret	„	20-25
Salmon	„	16-20
Samli	„	none
Soles	„	14-16
Whitebait	„	16-20
Game, Poultry and Eggs		
Deer	each	1.50-2.00
Duck	„	60-90
Eggs	per doz.	18-20
Fowl	per lb.	18-20
Geese	each	80-1.00
Hare	„	30-35
Partridge	„	30-35
Pheasant	„	50-60
Pigeons	„	25-30
Plover	„	none
Quail	„	18-20
Snipe	„	14-16
Turkey	per lb.	35-40
Teal	each	12-14
Wild Duck	„	30-35
Wild Geese	„	35-40
Woodcock	„	45-50
Wild Pigeon	„	10-12
Fruit		
Apples	per lb.	12-20
Apricots	„	none
Bananas	„	5-6
Cherries	„	none
Cocoanuts	each	15-20
Chestnuts	per lb.	10-12
Figs	per doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	none
Lemons	each	6-7
Lichees	per lb.	none
Mangoes	each	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Melons	each	none
Oranges	pe lb.	7-10
Peaches	„	none
Persimmons	„	none
Pineapples	each	none
Peeboes	per lb.	none
Plums	„	none
Pumeloes	each	10-15
Pears	per lb.	10-12
Strawberries	„	none
Walnuts	„	10-12
Vegetables		
Artichokes	per lb.	2-3
Asparagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	20
Broad Beans	„	6-8
Beetroot	per bunch	2-3
Cabbages	each	5-7
Celery	per bunch	8-10
Carrots	„	2-3
Cauliflower	each	15-20
Egg Plant	per lb.	8-10
French Beans	per lb.	20-25
Green Corn	each	none
Leeks	per bunch	2-3
Mushrooms	per lb.	none
Onions	per lb.	8-10
Peas	„	none
Potatoes	per pic.	$2.20-2.60
Parsnips	per lb.	4-5
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Spinach	per lb.	3-4
Tomatoes	„	10-12
Turnips	per bunch	2-3
Grain and Flour		
Flour, American	per 50 lb.	$4.50
Flour, Shanghai	per 50 lb.	$2.50
Rice	per 200 lb.	$7.00
Milk		
Foreign dairies	per bottles	20
Chinese dairies	„	17
Fodder		
Barley	per 114 lbs.	$2.65
Bran	„	$1.95
Fuel		
House Coal	per ton	Tls. 13.00
Stove Coal	„	Tls. 17.40
Firewod	per 50 bundles	$1.00

E. KILNER,
Chief Inspector.

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GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agents
Feb	16 noon	San Francisco	Korea maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
"	17 10.00	Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Asia	Br.	C. P. O. S.
"	18 6.30*	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Yokohama maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
Mar	1 ..	San Francisco	Siberia maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
"	4 ..	San Francisco	Venezuela	Am.	P.M.S.S. Co.
"	9 ..	San Francisco	Tenyo maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
"	11 ..	Seattle, Victoria etc.	Tamba maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	17 ..	Vancouver B.C.	Empress of Russia	Br.	C. P. O. S.
"	23 ..	San Francisco	Nippon maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Feb	16 noon	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Korea maru	Jap.	A. T. Co.
"	16 3.00	Nagasaki	Penza	Rs.	R. V. F.
"	16 noon	Kobe & Yokohama	Miyazaki maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	17 6.00*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yawata maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	17 10.00	Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Empress of Asia	Br.	C. P. O. S.
"	19 6.30*	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama	Yokohama maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	19 8.00*	Moji, Kobe	Tientsin maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	20 9.30*	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Hakuai maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	21 10.30	Moji, Kobe Osaka	Kumano maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	23 11.30	Kobe	Tosa maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	24 12.40	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamashiro maru	Jap	N. Y. K.
"	24 11.00*	Kobe and Yokohama	Kitano maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Feb	18 ..	London	Tsuruga maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	23 ..	Marseilles etc.	Cordillere	Fr.	Cie M. M.
"	25 noon	London etc.	Hitachi maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
Mar	4 6.0.*	London etc.	Iyo maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Feb	6 D.L.	Swatow & Hongkong	Hoihow	Br.	B. & S.
"	16 A.M.	Ningpo	Hsin Pekin	Br.	B. & S.
"	16 4.00	Ningpo	Hsin Ning shao	Chi.	N.S.S. Co.
"	16 D.L.	Swatow	Koonsning	Br.	J. M. & Co.
"	17 3.30	Ningpo	Anping	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
"	16 D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Yingchow	Br.	B. & S.
"	18 A.M.	Hongkong and Canton	Chiyuen	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
"	20 D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Chenan	Br.	B. & S.
"	22 D.L.	Amoy, Hongkong, Canton	Sinkiang	Br.	B. & S.
"	21 D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Tamsui	Br.	B. & S.
"	25 D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Anhui	Br.	B. & S.
"	25 12.30	Hongkong	Tamba maru	Jap.	N. Y. K.
"	27 ..	Hongkong	Empress of Japan	Br.	C.P.O.S.
"	27 D.L.	Hongkong & Canton	Sunning	Br.	B. & S.

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Feb	16 4.30	Tsingtao and Dalny	Kobe maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
"	16 9.0*	Tsingtao	Ono maru	Jap.	S.M.R.
"	16 3.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus.	R. V. F
"	17 A.M.	Chefoo	Toonan	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
"	18 10.00*	Weihaiwei, Chefoo, Tientsin	Fengtien	Br.	B. & S.
"	18 9.0*	Tsingtao	Tencho maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
"	18 D.L.	Weihaiwei, Chefoo,	Wenchow	Br.	B. & S.
"	19 ..	Chinwangtao	Burrumbeet	Rus.	K. M. A.
"	20 10.00*	Dalny	Sakaki maru	Jap.	S. M. R.
"	22 9.00*	Dalny	Isshin maru	Jap.	S. M. R.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Feb	16 M.N	Hankow etc.	Tachang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	16 M.N.	do	Tuckwo	Br.	B. & S.
"	16 M.N.	do	Tatung	Br.	B. & S.
"	16 M.N.	do	Changon	Br.	Geddes & Co
"	17 M.N.	do	Siangyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	17 M.N.	do	Wuchang	Br.	B. & S.
"	18 M.N.	do	Kiangyung	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co
"	19 M.N.	do	Tafoo maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	19 M.N.	do	Kiangwah	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
"	19 11.00*	Wuhu	Yunnan	Br.	B. & S.
"	20 M.N	Hankow etc.	Tungting	Br.	B. & S.
"	20 M.N.	do	Loongwo	Br.	J. M. & Co.
"	20 M.N.	do	Nanyang maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	21 M.N.	do	Tachi maru	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	21 M.N.	do	Kiangkwan	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.
"	21 M.N.	do	Poyang	Br.	B. & S.
"	22 M.N.	do	Kianghsin	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
"	22 M.N.	do	Luenno	Br.	J.M. & Co.
"	23 M.N.	do	Luenyi	Br.	B. & S.
"	24 M.N.	do	Ngankin	Br.	B. & S.

*A.M. M.M.—Midnight. D.L.—Daylight.

Arrivals

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents	Berth
Feb 15	Ningpo	Anping	1159	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.	KLYW
Feb 15	Swatow	Koonshing	8256	Br.	J.M. & Co.	SHW
Feb 15	Tsingtao	Ono maru	557	Jap.	S. M. R.	WSW
Feb 15	Hankow	Tachang maru	1369	Jap.	N.K.K.	LPDW
Feb 15	Hankow	Changon	1289	Br.	Geddes & Co.	NSCW

Departures

Date	For	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agents
Feb 15	Chinwangtao	Jinju maru	1756	Jap.	K.M.A.
"	15 Wakamatzu	Chungking	1311	Br.	B. & S.
"	15 Amoy, Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	280	Br.	B. & S.
"	15 Hongkong & Canton	Kwangtah	1536	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
"	15 Japan	Chikuzen maru	1449	J. p.	N. Y. K.
"	15 Foochow	Kohoku maru	628	Jap.	N.K.K.
"	15 Ningpo via Wenchow	Kwangchi	314	Chi.	C. M. S. N. Co
"	15 Hankow etc.	Ngankin	1719	Br.	B. & S.
"	15 Ningpo	Anping	1159	Chi.	C.M.S.N.Co.

Men-of-War In Port

Section	Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Men	Commander
BNB	Jan. 30	Cruise	Cincinnati	Am cru.	3213	10	314	Fewel
KVD	Nov. 8	Cruise	Monocacy	Am g-b	190	2	47	Carter
P4O3	Feb. 11	Cruise	Quiros	Amer-b.	350			Loftin
7?	Feb. 11	Cruise	Samar	Am g-b.	249	6	29	King
8P	Feb. 12	Cruise	Villalobos	Am g-b.				Clarke
ODW	Dec. 16	Cruise	Wilmington	Am g-b.	1392	8	159	Chadwick

The French gunboats D. de Lagree and Decidee, the Japanese gunboats Fushimi, Sumida and Toba, and the British gunboat Woodlark are not included in this list, being dismantled.

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s s.s. Tackwo, 3,770 tons, Captain Philip will leave on Friday, the 16th instant, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., General Managers. Tel. No. 240.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Tatung, Capt. Williams will leave from the French Bund on Friday, the 16th inst., at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co.'s Str. Tachang Maru, Captain K. Takeshita, will be despatched from the Pootung N.K.K. Wharf on Friday, February 16 at about 12 o'clock midnight. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, No. 5 The Bund. Tel. No. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Wuchang, Capt. Pickard will leave on Saturday, the 17th inst., at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Co's Str. Siangyang Maru Captain J. A. Scott, will be despatched from N.Y. K. Wharf on Saturday, the 17th at about 12 o'clock midnight. The last steam launch will leave Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m. For Freight and Passage apply to The Nisshin Kisen Kaisha. No. 5 The Bund. Tel. 3256.

HANKOW and PORTS.—The Str. Kiangyung, Capt. Wm. McIllwain will leave on Sunday night. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

For Southern Ports

SWATOW and HONGKONG.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Hoihow, Capt. Ritchie will leave on Friday, the 16th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Telephones No. 77.

NINGPO.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Hsin Peking, Captain A. Stott R.N.R., will leave from the French Bund on Friday, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents, French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Yingchow, Capt. J. Gibbs will leave from French Bund direct for the above ports on Sunday, the 18th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel No. 401.

HONGKONG and CANTON.—The Str. Chiyuen, Capt. W. B. A. Wilks will leave on Sunday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

HONGKONG and CANTON. The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Chenan Captain Wavell will leave from the French Bund direct for the above ports on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at daylight For Freight or Passage apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

For Northern Ports

CHEFOO.—The Str. Toonan, Capt. Taylor will leave on Saturday morning. For Freight or Passage apply to C. M. S. N. Co.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN The China Navigation Co.'s Steamer Fengtien Captain McIntosh will leave from the French Bund on Sunday, the 18th inst., at 10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. French Bund. Freight Tel. No. 77, Passage Tel. No. 401.

WEIHAIWEI and CHEFOO.—The China Navigation Co.'s s.s. Wenchow, Capt. A. McDowell will leave on Sunday, the 18th inst., at daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Butterfield and Swire, Agents. Tel. No. 77.

The K.M.A. chartered s.s. Burrumbeet, will despatch for Chinwangtao direct, taking through cargo for Tientsin direct, on February 19.

For Japan

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—The s.s. Korea Maru, Capt. Ota, will leave on Friday, Feb. 16. The tender conveying passengers and mails will leave the Customs jetty at noon. For Freight or passage apply to American Trading Company.

For Foreign Ports

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The C.N. s.s. Chenan left Hongkong for Shanghai on Tuesday.

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The N.K.K. s.s. Tafoo Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.

The C.N. s.s. Poyang left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangyung left Hankow for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah left Hankow for Shanghai on Wednesday.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang left Hongkong for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Tungting left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The I.-C. s.s. Loongwo left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Nanyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangkwan will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.S. s.s. Ningshao will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Haean left Wenchow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.M. s.s. Taishun will leave Foochow for Shanghai today.

The K.M.A. s.s. Burrumbeet (chartered) left Chinwangtao for Shanghai on Tuesday.

The C.N. s.s. Wuchang from Hankow is expected to arrive here today.

The C.N. s.s. Yunnan from Swatow is expected to arrive here today.

The C.N. s.s. Yochow from Hongkong is expected to arrive here today.

The C.N. s.s. Ichang from Swatow is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.M. s.s. Kianghsin will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia left Hongkong yesterday, at noon and is due at Woosung tomorrow, at 10 a.m. She will be despatched for Vancouver, B. C., via Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Victoria, B. C., on the same day and the tender Alexandra will leave the Municipal jetty at 10 p.m. to convey passengers and mails to Woosung. Hand baggage only will be received on board the tender and must reach the jetty for examination at 9 p.m. tomorrow. Heavy baggage must reach the company's office not later than 3 p.m. today, when an examination will take place and passengers or their representatives with their keys must be present.

Passengers Departed

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikuzen Maru for Kobe:—Mr. S. Kanno and Mr. Luwo Zen-ching.

Launch Services

TODAY

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the T.K.K. s.s. Korea Maru will leave the Customs jetty at noon.

The tender conveying passengers to the S.M.R. s.s. Kobe Maru will leave the Customs jetty at 3.30 p.m.

The tender conveying passengers and mails to the R.V.F. s.s. Penza will leave the Customs jetty at 3 p.m.

The launch conveying passengers to the N.K.K. s.s. Tachang Maru will leave the Canton Road jetty at 11 p.m.

TOMORROW

The tender Alexandra conveying passengers and mails to the C.P.O.S. s.s. Empress of Asia will leave the Customs jetty at 10 p.m.

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN..31 Mar.	EMPRESS OF ASIA...9 June
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" "SHINYO MARU"	22,000 "	April 5	"
" "PERSIA MARU"	9,000 "	" 19	"
" "KOREA MARU"	18,000 "	May 1	"
" "SIBERIA MARU"	18,000 "	" 15	"
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YOKOHAMA MARU ...	12,500	Capt. T. Terada,	Feb. 19, 1917
TAMBA MARU	12,500	Capt. K. Akamatsu,	Mar. 11, 1917
SHIDZUOKA MARU ...	12,500	Capt. I. Noma,	Apr. 2, 1917

KOBE TO SEATTLE. From Kobe.

INABA MARU	11,000	Capt. K. Higo,	Feb. 20, 1917

SHANGHAI-YOKOHAMA LINE (Via Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe.)

YAWATA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yasuhara,	Feb. 17
HAKUAI MARU	5,000	Capt. K. Takano,	Feb. 20
YAMASHIRO MARU ..	7,000	Capt. K. Sudzuki,	Feb. 24
OMI MARU	7,000	Capt. M. Machida,	Feb. 27
CHIKUGO MARU	5,500	Capt. Y. Yui,	Mar. 3

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND OSAKA LINE (Via Moji.)

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KASUGA MARU	7,000	Capt. K. Yagiu,	Mar. 1, 1917

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Mail 101	Mail 3.	Luxe 1.	Miles	Peking-Mukden Line	Luxe 2.	Mail 4.	Mail 102
B. s.	B. s.	B. S.			B. S.	B.	B. s.
2085	855	300	0	dep. Peking arr.	2240	1960	1020
2345	1112	635	. .	arr. Tientsin-Central dep.	1985	1700	720
2350	1117	640	84	dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	1980	1653	710
000	1125	650	. .	arr. Tientsin-East dep.	1920	1645	700
1910	520	2280	524	arr. Mukden dep.	200	. .	1040

Local 5.	Mail 3.			Tientsin-Pukow Line		Mail 4.	Local 6.
	B. s.					B. s.	
715	1130	—	0	dep. Tientsin-East arr.	—	1705	1930
725	1140	—	2.71	arr. Tientsin Central dep.	—	1625	1941
745	1200	—		dep. Tientsin-Central arr.	—	1611	1911
1132	1500	—	78	dep. Tsangchow dep.	—	1332	1508
1457	1746	—	148	dep. Techow dep.	—	1048	1148
1801	2021	—	—	arr. Tsinanfu dep.	—	806	845
7.	:	—	220	:	—	:	8.
800	2031	—	—	dep. Tsinanfu arr.	—	756	1812
1039	2231	—	266	dep. Taianfu dep.	—	601	1542
1300	038	—		arr. Yenchowfu dep.	—	349	1311
1315	048	—	318	dep. Yenchowfu arr.	—	339	1256
1556	316	—	377	dep. Lincheng dep.	—	120	1032
1816	450	—	—	arr. Hsuchowfu dep.	—	2336	810
9.	:	—	420	:	—	:	10.
630	457	—	—	dep. Hsuchowfu arr.	—	2329	2007
1156	833	—	523	arr. Pengpu dep.	—	1953	1423
1208	840	—		dep. Pengpu arr.	—	1946	1412
1657	1152	—	600	dep. Chuchow dep.	—	1648	928
1848	1300	—	631	arr. Pukow dep.	—	1530	728

Express 16.	Express 10.			Shanghai-Nanking Line		Express 1.	Express 15.
B. S.	B.					B.	B. S.
. .	1420	. .	0	dep. Nanking-Ferry arr.	. .	1410	. .
2300	1420	. .	. .	dep. Nanking arr.	. .	1415	650
700	2120	. .	193	arr. Shanghai-North dep.	. .	755	2300

Yenchowfu-Tsiningchow Branch Line				Lincheng-Tsochuang Branch Line			
930	1350	2130	d. Yenchowfu a.	630	1230	2000	530 1110 1800 d. Lincheng a. 810 1410 2100
1032	1455	2232	a. Tsiningchow d.	532	1126	1858	638 1219 1908 a. Tsochuang d. 702 1302 1932

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By order of the Court of Directors,

A. STEPHEN,

Manager.

Shanghai, 18th January, 1917. 12439

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY

NOTICE

THE Undersigned, having been granted leave of absence by the Ministry of Communications, has handed over charge of this office to Mr. S. Y. Kiang, Acting Managing-Director, as from the 13th instant.

M. Y. CHUNG.

Shanghai, February 13th, 1917. 12752

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY

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STATIONS.	Express R	Local	Slow R	Coolie Goods	Fast R	Local	N S G Local	Night Express R.S.	N S G Local
SHANGHAI NORTH ..dep.	7.55		9.20	9.00	12.40	15.20	8.40	23.00	17.15
Nansiang.. .. „			8.06	8.48	13.21	15.36	9.15	—	17.50
Kunshan .. „			9.55	11.04	14.07	16.51		1.01	
SOOCHOW { arr.	9.34		10.10	12.02	14.50	17.55		1.08	
dep.	9.41		11.02	12.18	14.57	18 13			
WUSIH .. { arr.	10.24		12 11	13 31	15.45	19.03		2.03	
dep.	1 .31		12.21	13.43	15.52	19.41		2.10	
CHANGCHOW { arr.	11.13		13.01	14.51	16.38	20.45		3.00	
dep.	11.22	6.10	13.42	15.01	16.47			3.10	
TANYANG .. { arr.	12.07	8.00	14.57	16.10	17.41			—	
dep.	12.09	8.03	14.59	16.14	17.43			—	
CHINKIANG { arr.	12.43	8.33	15.49	17.08	18.22			4.56	
dep.	12.52	8.39	15.57	17.18	18.32			5.06	
Nanking Ferry .. arr.	*14.10	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	
NANKING .. „	14.15	10.55	17.50	19.25	20.05			6.50	..

STATIONS	Local	Slow R	Coolie Goods	Fast R	Express R	Local	N S G Local	Night Express R.S.	N S G Local
NANKING .. ..dep.		7.00	7.30	11.15	14.20	18.55		23.00	
Nanking Ferry .. dep.		—	—	—	*14.20	—		—	
CHINKIANG.. { arr.		8.57	9.42	12.59	15.51	19.05		0.46	
dep.		9.05	9.52	12.59	16.01	18.25		1.00	
TANYANG .. { arr.		9.55	10.48	13.38	16.36	19.16		—	
dep.		9.57	10.53	13.40	16.38	19.19		—	
CHANGCHOW { arr.		11.04	12.11	14.42	17 26	20.30		2.53	
dep.	6.20	11.14	12.28	14.52	17.36			3.06	
WUSIH .. { arr.	7.24	12.14	13.36	15.43	18.24			4.01	
dep.	7.31	12.22	13.46	15.53	18.31			4.11	
SOOCHOW .. { arr.	8.40	13.35	14.55	16.47	19.21			5.04	
dep.	8.46	13.50	15.08	16.55	19.28			5.12	
Kunshan .. .. „	9.54	14.57	16.14	17.41	—			—	
Nansiang.. .. „	10.53	15.57	17.19	18.26	—		9.40	6.35	18.05
SHANGHAI NORTH .. arr.	11.25	16.30	17.55	18.55	21.20		10.15	7.00	18.35

Up Tientsin-Pukow Line Connections Down

		Daily Mail			Daily Mail
S.N.R.	SHANGHAI NORTH ..... dep.	R. 7.55	P.K.R.	PEKING ..... dep.	8.35
	NANKING FERRY .. .. arr.	14.10		TIENTSIN CENTRAL ..... arr.	11.10
T.P.R.	PUKOW ..... dep.	S. 15.30	T.P.R.	TIENTSIN CENTRAL ..... dep.	S. 12.00
	TSINANFU ..... arr. dep.	7.56 8.06		TSINANFU ..... arr. dep.	20.21 20.31
	TIENTSIN CENTRAL ..... arr.	16.13		PUKOW ..... arr.	13.00
P.K.R.	TIENTSIN CENTRAL ..... dep.	17.00	S.N.R.	NANKING FERRY ..... dep.	R. 14.20
	PEKING ..... arr.	19.50		SHANGHAI NORTH ..... arr.	21.20

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Woosung Forts to Shanghai North—Up (Branch Line) **Shanghai North to Woosung Forts—Down**

WOOSUNG FORTS .....dep.	6.55	8.15	10.45	13.10	14.40	16.20	18.10	20.45	SHANGHAI NORTH ....dep.	6.15	7.35	10.05	12.15	14.00	15.50	17.25	20.00
KIANGWAN	7.22	8.42	11.12	13.37	15.07	16.47	18.37	21.12	KIANGWAN	6.26	7.46	10.16	12.24	14.11	15.41	17.36	20.11
SHANGHAI NORTH ..... arr.	7.36	8.50	11.26	13.45	15.15	16.55	18.45	21.20	WOOSUNG FORTS .....arr.	6.50	8 10	10 40	12.50	14 35	16.05	18.00	20.35

SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW-NINGPO RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE IN FORCE FROM THE 12th DECEMBER 1916

MAIN LINE.

SHANGHAI NORTH TO ZAH KOU—"DOWN"

STATIONS	102 Local	104 Fast	106 Slow	108 Coolie & Goods	D Local	E Local	110 Express	112 Local	R Local	I Local
Shanghai North ..... dep.		7.35	8.55	10 05			14.00			
Jessfield ..... dep.		8.00	9.20	10.30			14.25			
Siccawei ..... dep.		8.11	9.31	10.41			14 36			
Lunghwa Junction .... dep.		8.28	9.48	11.00			14.52			
		A. 104	B. 106	C. 108	D	E	F. 110	G. 112	R	I
Shanghai South....dep.		*8.00*	*9.20*	*10.30*	*11.20*	*13.35*	*14.30*	*16.10*	*16.45*	*18.00*
Lunghwa Junction..dep.		*8.28*	*9.48*	*11.00*	*11.38*	*13.53*	*14.52*	*16.29*	*17.03*	*18.18*
Songkiang ..... { arr.		9.09	10.47	12.00			15.26	17.37		
dep.		9.13	10.55	12.10			15 28	17.47		
Kashai ..... dep.		10.03	11 55	13 33			16.16	18.37		
Kashing ..... { arr.		10 25	12 26	14.06			16 36	19.30		
dep.	7.20	10.35	12 36	14.16			16 46			
Yeh Zah ..... dep.	8.08	11 14	13 20	15.15			17.21			
Chang An ..... dep.	9.00	11.49	14.04	16.10			17 55			
Hangchow ..... { arr.	10.26	12 43	15.16	17.37			18.42			
dep.	10.38	12 53	15.26	17.47			18.54			
Zah Kou ..... arr.	11.00	13.09	15.45	18.15			19.10			

ZAH KOU TO SHANGHAI NORTH—"UP"

STATIONS	O Local	P Local	101 Local	R Local	103 Fast	105 Slow	U Local	107 Coolie and Goods	109 Express	111 Local
Zah Kou ..... dep.					6.45	8.10		8 55	14.15	16.00
Hangchow ..... { arr.					7.05	8.30		9 23	14.30	16.24
dep.					7.15	8.40		9 33	14.40	16.35
Chang An ..... dep.					8.15	9 56		11.03	15.26	17.07
Yeh Zah ..... dep.					8 52	10.40		12 30	15.57	18.50
Kashing ..... { arr.					9 30	11.22		13 36	16.28	19.40
dep.			7.25		9 40	11.30		14.07	16 38	
Kashai ..... dep.			8.00		10.05	12.00		14 47	17.01	
Songkiang ..... { arr.			9.08		10 54	12.59		16.03	17.46	
dep.			9.18		10.57	13 08		16.13	17.49	
	O	P	Q. 101	R	S. 103	T. 105	U	V. 107	W. 109	
Lunghwa Junction..dep.	*8.35*	*9.55*	*10.37*	*10.55*	*11.48*	*14.05*	*14.55*	*17.22*	*18.33*	
Shanghai South....arr.	*8.53*	*10.13*	*10.55*	*11.13*	*12.05*	*14.23*	*15.13*	*17.40*	*18.50*	
Laugh a Junction.... dep.					11.44	14.03		17.19	18.29	
Siccawei ..... dep.					11 56	14.15		17.31	18 41	
Jessfield ..... dep.					12.07	14 27		17.42	18.52	
Shanghai North .... arr.					12.30	14 50		18.05	19.15	

KIANGSU BRANCH LINE

KON ZEN CHIAO TO ZAH KOU **ZAH KOU TO KON ZEN CHIAO**

STATIONS	122	124	126	128	130	132
Kon Zen Chiao.. dep.	7.05	8.30	11.05	14.05	16.05	18.15
Ken Shang Mun. { arr.	7.18	8.43	11.18	14.18	16.18	18.28
dep.	7.25	8.50	11.20	14.21	16.20	18.29
Hangchow ..... { arr.	7.35	9.00	11.30	14.31	16.30	18.37
dep.		9.05	11.35		16.37	
Zah Kou ..... arr.		9.25	11.55		17.00	

STATIONS	121	123	125	127	129	131
Zah Kou ..... dep		9.40	12.20		17.15	
Hangchow ..... { arr.		10.00	12.40		17.35	
dep.	7.45	10.05	12 50	14.55	17.40	18 50
Ken Shang Mun. { arr.	7.55	10.15	13.00	15.05	17.50	19.00
dep.	8.00	10.23	13.05	15.10	17.52	19.02
Kon Zen Chiao.. arr.	8.13	10.35	13.18	15.23	18.05	19.15

Business and Official Notices

NOTIFICATION.

PASSPORTS

BRITISH subjects resident in this Consular District are requested to hand in without delay to this Consulate General for safe custody all Passports in their possession (except those in Chinese) which they do not intend to use in the immediate future. For each Passport a receipt will be given which will enable the Passport to be recovered when required for any lawful purpose.

This measure is designed to prevent the loss of Passports. Such loss may involve the person concerned in very serious trouble, especially if the above request be disregarded.

Passports must be personally handed in at the Mixed Court Assessor's Office, which is situated on the ground floor at the north end of the Consulate-General.

(Sd.) E. H. FRASER,
H.B.M. Consul-General,
H. M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai, 22nd January, 1917.

12486

Special Notice to Mariners

No. 476.

China Sea—Chefoo District.

Chefoo Harbour.

Entrance to Inner Harbour under construction.

Buoy to be moved.

Notice is hereby given that on or about the 20th February, 1917, the Black Buoy (gas-lighted), moored off the northern end of the Breakwater at the entrance to the Inner Harbour under construction at Chefoo, will be moved about 500 feet N. 27° W. (magnetic), from its present position.

(See plan accompanying Notice to Mariners No. 630.).

W. FERD. TYLER,
Coast Inspector.

Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 15th February, 1917.

THE STEAMSHIP "KOTSU MARU"

CARGOES per the above steamer from America were trans-shipped at Kobe, Japan, to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's s.s. "Eiko Maru" and arrived Shanghai on Wednesday, February 14. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading, duly endorsed, to this office, promptly, for exchange of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's Local Bills of Lading, in order to take delivery of their goods through the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

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Holder of Bond No. 2,196 receives	$2,000
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Holder of Bond No. 9 receives	578
Holder of Bond No. 2,080 receives	300
Holder of Bond No. 2,403 receives	300
Holder of Bond No. 1,061 receives	208
Holder of Bond No. 1,787 receives	200
Holder of Bond No. 2,379 receives	160
Holders of following 249 Bonds receive $12 each, in all	2,988
Total amount reimbursed	$7,734

7	427	864	1262	1611	2066
15	432	868	1294	1617	2067
20	435	886	1297	1625	2069
21	442	891	1333	1633	2076
30	445	908	1338	1648	2081
46	476	917	1344	1669	2084
49	483	920	1347	1712	2100
55	486	949	1350	1730	2106
56	524	953	1356	1732	2125
67	541	954	1364	1741	2143
81	543	1003	1378	1744	2158
89	545	1014	1389	1752	2164
92	559	1022	1392	1757	2211
110	564	1024	1399	1760	2223
114	565	1025	1401	1772	2231
121	580	1026	1403	1775	2233
126	583	1028	1407	1781	2259
129	586	1030	1410	1802	2265
133	598	1046	1412	1817	2275
148	624	1062	1416	1827	2289
161	635	1073	1417	1838	2314
169	652	1092	1430	1842	2317
180	658	1093	1438	1867	2323
183	669	1095	1439	1869	2329
186	671	1106	1446	1879	2336
224	676	1112	1475	1908	2360
249	678	1116	1477	1909	2383
253	695	1117	1487	1932	2385
254	698	1125	1508	1936	2404
297	727	1132	1510	1950	2406
312	736	1140	1514	1960	2411
314	739	1156	1516	1981	2413
320	741	1162	1526	1985	2471
322	752	1185	1527	1999	2483
329	767	1192	1543	2012	2491
361	769	1200	1572	2020	2501
395	836	1218	1583	2024	2511
396	837	1224	1584	2026	2516
397	843	1236	1585	2036	2534
413	844	1253	1592	2040	2549
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